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# Ministers threaten to oppose extra NIS 1.8b. budget cut

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor are to present the cabinet today with details of an additional NIS 1.8 billion cut to the 1997 budget. The plans reportedly do not include a tax increase.

The cut is in addition to the NIS 4.9b. cut proposed in July, which has already passed its first reading in the Knesset. The size of the additional cut was confirmed late last night by sources in the Prime Minister's Office. The proposals have already met with opposition and threats of resignation from ministers.

The cabinet is scheduled to meet this morning to discuss the size - and agree on the disposition - of the additional cur. Last night Netanyahu and Meridor

coalition members, and all MKs to accept the recommendations, on a simultaneous live broadcast on both prime-time television news programs.

While not revealing the contents of the package, Netanyahu said there would be no further cut to the defense budget, the long-school day, or to development towns

along the confrontation line. The prime minister also praised Meridor for having tried his utmost not to let the proposed cuts harm the weaker strata of society. In recent days Meridor has rushed from one meeting to another with ministers and coalition MKs in an attempt to persuade them of the need to implement the new cut.

While the initial NIS 4.9b, cut passed its first reading in the Knesset, coalition MKs from various parties have said they will not support the bill's final readings which must take place before December

**DAVID HARRIS** 

Sharon to Treasury: Hands off our money

31 - unless certain changes are made, particularly in the social budget. Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein met with Meridor to push their call for the cuts

immigrants. The two were all smiles when they emerged last night from their meet-

We had several days of very intensive negotiations, but we got what we wanted for the immigrants," Sharansky said, referring to the coalition agreements on helping immigrants in the weaker eco-nomic sectors. The faction had threatened to withhold support for the budget unless

these coalition promises were met.
"Instead of the NIS 140 million of the first reading - less than under the previous government - we will get NIS 200 million for [immigrant hostels]. There will be coordination between the Absorption and Housing ministries on how this money

whether it is to be used for rental housing or what...We expect to solve 3,000 housing problems in the coming fiscal year,"

Sharansky said his faction's second demand was also mer. The government will earmark a sum of NIS 12m. towards helping immigrant scientists.

Meridor and Netanyahu spent the afternoon trying to reach a final decision on the cuts. Later they met with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who later threatened to resign if the education budget were cut

"If it becomes clear that the meaning of the cut is that children come home early (Continued on Page 9)

#### **Sharansky:** No change on Reform, Conservative conversion abroad HAIM SHAPIRO

**WEEKLY REVIEW** 

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday he opposes any change that would disqualify Reform Conservative conversions to Judaism abroad - but he also opposes legitimizing such conversions in Israel.

Sharansky, who has been chosen by the government to explain its position on the proposed conversion law, said that in fact the government as yet has no position. He added that the government could take a stand which he personally would oppose.

Sharansky said the founders of the state had purposely left unclear a number of issues that could be divisive. This was true, he said, of the Law of Return, which constituted a compromise that recognized Reform and Conservative conversions performed abroad, but did not recognize such conversions in Israel.

By petitioning the High Court, which had given a degree of recognition to non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel, he said, the Reform and Conservative movements had endangered the status quo. By giving the Chief Rabbinate authority to authorize conversions in Israel, the legislators were adding an official stamp to an existing condition; a step which Sharansky said he regrets, but considers necessary after the High Court ruling.

Sharansky said the proposed legislation - which would also affect conversions performed abroad - had been submitted privately by Agudat Yisrael and Shas and has no chance of passing in the Knesset.

"I am against it and Yisraeli Ba'aliya is against it," he said. However, he added, the government had failed in making this clear to Diaspora Jewry. Of the hundreds of letters he had received, hardly any showed understanding of the situation, he said. It was a mistake, he said, that the ministers had not met with Reform and Conservative rabbis, and this would be corrected. In fact, he added, the first such meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin

February. As for the present situation regarding conversion to Judaism in Israel, Sharansky said he favors a more liberal and less bureaucratic approach, but that such conver-(Continued on Page 9)

Netanyahu is to take place in



A border policeman prepares to admit Moslem worshipers to Hebron's Machpela Cave yesterday for special prayers commemorating Mohammed's ascent to heaven. The site was closed to Jews for the day, but will open again to both Jews and Moslems

# Abington hopes Washington document will lead to summit

DAVID MAKOVSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

US and Palestinian officials held another round of discussions in Gaza last night to decide if a threepage document drafted in Washington could be the basis of proposals that could be put before Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu today, and perhaps lead to a summit between the pre-

mier and Yasser Arafat. US consul-general Edward Abington last night held his third meeting with Arafat in the last four days to obtain approval for the document, which is a distillation of Palestinian ideas on Hebron based on private conversations. It was drafted by US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross and Egyptian national security adviser Osama el-Baz in Washington during the last few days, US officiais say.

Egypt has been counseling the Palestinian delegation throughout the Hebron talks, and both Arafat and top Palestinian negotiator



weekend.

"This is not a document of American ideas, but is based on Palestinian ideas. Once the Palestinians sign off on this, it can then be brought to Prime Minister Netanyahn and there could then be a basis for a summit," a US offi-

cial said yesterday. US officials believe direct talks between Erekat and Netanyahu advisor Yitzhak Molcho have run their course, and now the top leaders must make decisions. There were reports yesterday

that the Palestinians no longer are insisting upon unrestricted use of rifles by PA security forces in the parts of Hebron that they control. Israel fears that rifles will be used Saeb Erekat were in Cairo this for sniping at Jewish settlers and

armed only with guns that have short ranges.

The three-page document also is believed to include Palestinian insistence that Israel free prisoners and set dates for three future pullbacks stipulated in the Oslo II accord. Finally, the document calls for a date for the talks on the final disposition of the territories. Netanyahu is ready to have those talks begin in the coming weeks.

It's unclear if the issue of prisoners and further redeployments would be settled before the summit or only when the two leaders

A leading Palestinian negotiator said he hopes a deal might be struck within the next two weeks. Mahmoud Abbas told Reuter vesterday, "If things move ahead, we expect a deal before Christmas. But right now, I can't say if we

have made progress or not. The IDF denied it had begun opening the contested Shuhada Street in Hebron, saying that the removal of cement barriers from the street yesterday was done for safety reasons. It said the old

prefers the security forces be blocks were replaced with new,

hard plastic barriers. The traffic regulations and the blockades in effect on the street have not been changed," an IDF

spokesman said. The street has been closed to Palestinians since the 1994 massacre of 29 Moslem worshipers in Hebron by Baruch Goldstein. IDF troops maintain two roadblocks to stop Palestinian movement down the street, which passes one of the Jewish enclaves in the city.

Reopening Shuhada has been a key demand by the PA as part of the IDF's redeployment in

Hebron. Prior to the IDF statement, PA Minister Ali Kawasmeh said: This is one step in the reopening of the street. The Palestinians have stressed that without reopening it, we can't sign any protocol on Hebron.

A PA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuter that Israel had informed the PA on Saturday night that Shuhada would gradually be reopened, starting with the removal of the cement blocks.

# Eitan: Syrian threats are empty

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

AGRICULTURE Environment Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday played down

threats from Syria, saying they were the sounds "of a chicken squawking in the grass while looking for a seed." "In the framework of the pressures by the Arab world to try and

force Israel into steps it has refused to take so far, the Syrians have taken various measures and publicized them," Eitan said. "This has been done in order to attract the attention of the West and force it to put pressure on Israel, out of concern that there could be a conflaeration here.

"From what I know about these things, Syria alone could not allow itself to create such a conflagration. That's why I think its just part of their psychological war."

Eitan said the movements of inside Syria and neighboring Lebanon were being used as a form of intimidation.

"They have quickly understood that this does not frighten us, and

they dropped it all," he said. Eitan said there was a similarity between the noises coming from Syria and those "of a chicken squawking in the grass while looking for a seed. If anybody wanted to initiate a violent step, such as a war of one kind or another, they would not take steps openly. They would do them surreptitiously in

order to have the surprise element. "Do they think they can make a surprise when they carry out these steps virtually openly? That's why I relate to these measures as a psychological war rather than real

Eitan spoke to The Jerusalem

Post during a visit by Tsomet Knesset members and party activists to the Golan Heights yesterday in a gesture of solidarity with residents there.

Eitan said Tsomet would support attempts to pass a bill in the Knesset to strengthen the existing Golan law. Under the proposals, a clear majority would be required in the Knesset and in a public referendum if there were to be any change in the region's status.

"We acted to bring this about in the previous Knesset and will do the same in this one, in which we are in the government," Eitan said. believe that the government,

at the end of the day, will adopt this law. It's just a question of timing," he added. Syria accused Israel of preparing

for an assault on its territory in comments published in govern-

"The Israeli military preparations and the state of alert of its army ... are nothing but a widescale aggression Israel is planning to launch against Syria and the peace process," the Al-Thawra newspaper said.

If Israel chooses war, "it would have catastrophic and destructive consequences," Al-Thawra said.

Tishrin, another government newspaper, accused Prime Minister Binvamin Netanvahu of calling on the Arabs to adapt themselves to his policy.

"Adaptation, in the Israeli language, simply means relinquishing lands and rights ... Undoubtedly the Arabs would never adapt themselves to such a policy because peace is intricately linked to the full return of lands and rights," the newspaper said.

# **Grapes of Wrath** monitors to probe IDF civilian shelling

Beduin tracker laid to rest

DAVID RUDGE

THE five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee is scheduled to meet at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura today to discuss a complaint by the Lebanese government over the wounding of civilians in Tibnit during an exchange of fire

Tension remained high in south Lebanon yesterday, following Saturday's fighting in which an IDF soldier was killed, another wounded, and seven Tibnit civil-

ians were hurt in the shelling of their village, north of the security zone.

Yesterday Beduin tracker Sgt.-Maj. Mohammed Hujeirat, 27, of Deir al-Maksour, near Shfaram, who was killed by a Hizbullah roadside bomb Saturday, was laid to rest in the village cemetery.

Hundreds of people, including OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, took part in the funeral service.

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# Rumor of Star of David foils art project at pyramids

CAIRO (AP) - An American artist who wanted to draw a field of stars near the Giza pyramids has had her project halted, after rumors spread that she was drawing the Star of David at Egypt's

famed monuments. The incident gives an indication of how distrustful Egyptians are of Israel, and of the tense relations between the two countries despite a peace accord signed 17

years ago. Lita Albuquerque, a 50-yearold artist from Los Angeles, had

States entry at the Sixth International Cairo Biennale, an art festival starting next Sunday.

In the desert, three kilometers from the pyramids, she and 30 Egyptian art students were going to use 2.5 tons of a blue-powdered pigment to chart 99 stars, forming a honeycomb pattern on the sands of the desert. This piece was to have measured 180 meters by 150 meters.

I wanted to do both the myth of the bee and the constellations," Albuquerque said yesterday. "I wanted to draw a field of stars with the pyramids in the hori-

Albuquerque said that the bee

been planning the pyramid pro- was an important image in ject for a year as the United ancient Egypt. And her previous works of art have involved constellations and viewing earth

from outer space. The piece was not intended to last very long, because strong fall winds would have scattered the blue pigment. But the artist said she hoped it would have endured long enough so that pictures could have been taken to complement the rest of her pieces at a Cairo gallery.

However, her work was halted by the Culture Ministry on Friday, after rumors spread that she was planning to chart the Star of David in the desert.

This has no indication of anything political or religious, of the

Star of David or anything of the about an Egyptian engineer he sort," Albuquerque said. "Just the bee and the honeycomb and 96 stars, plus three Sufi men to represent the last three stars."

Cairo newspapers were having a field day with the story about the rumored Star of David. "A Suspect Artistic Project Halted Near the Pyramids," said a frontpage headline in one Cairo newspaper, "Rumor About Allowing Jewish Woman to Draw Star of David by Pyramids."

Albuquerque, who is not Jewish, has found at least one official supporter. Zahi Hawas, chief Egyptologist for the Giza pyramid site, said he believes in her project and has already made an official complaint to police

believes is behind the rumor.

"She is a well known artist working on a piece of art and this engineer said she was drawing the Star of David and called up the press, but I have seen her work and there is no Star of David," Hawas said.

In the meantime, Albuquerque, who teaches art at the Pasadena Fine Arts Center, hopes to get her permit back in time to present her piece at the biennale, which lasts until January 15.



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# Arnon released on NIS 10,000 bail

THE Ashkelon Magistrate's Court released Hebron settlement spokesman Noam Armon when he posted a NIS 10,000 bond yesterday, after he promised to show up whenever summoned by police investigating his arrest in the Machpela Cave on Friday night.

Amon was arrested in the cave on Shabbat trying to return dividers in the cave to their original position. The police said Arnon attacked a police officer who was trying to stop him. Amon said he was attacked by the police officer when he asked for his name.

Amon's release ended a great deal of activity on his behalf, including calls from Knesset members to the prime minister, a sit-in in front of the Kiryat Arba police station and a rally in Kiryat Arba last night

"My arrest was a tragic mistake. They arrested me on Shabbat, without any need. The police got caught up in lies. I maintain that I never attacked anyone, and this will be proven in court." Arnon said after his release. "In any event, i am happy that my release leads us to the conclusion that justice was both done and seen."

The court rejected police requests to extend the remand of Arnon and another man arrested with him, Moshe Shteckel, and said there is no concern that the two will not show up for further investigation.

The judge said the question of whether Amon attacked the policeman or vice versa should be investigated by the Justice Ministry division dealing with complaints against police.

Prior to Arnon's release, a number of leading Kiryat Arba

and Hebron personalities held a protest outside the police station in Kiryat Arba's Givat Ha'avot neighborhood. Among those who took part were Kiryat Arba Local

Second frogman buried

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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Naval commando Third Petty Officer Maran Polibuda, 19, who was

killed on a training dive with his partner, 3PO Yair Engel, 20, in Haifa Port last Wednesday night, was buried yesterday at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery. Polibuda was eulogized

by his father, Ilan, who praised the naval commandos and said the family blames no one for the accident. The father also said that Matan's brother, Itai, is touring the outback of Australia and could

Rajoub meets with missing soldier's family

Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Authority's Preventive

Security Service in Jericho, told relatives of Sharon Edri, a soldier who disappeared in September, that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat

consistently has directed him to cooperate with Israel in finding Edri.
Rajoub told Edri's relatives, who traveled to Jericho yesterday afternoon to meet with him, that he had no new information on Edri's whereabouts and no information he was being held by any Palestinian group. Knesset Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif

(Labor), who initiated the visit, also participated in the meeting. Itim

Nurit Levinger, Rabbi Moshe Levinger's 20-year-old daughter, was

in serious condition at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem last night after being burnt in a fire caused by a kerosene heater. The hospital said she was conscious, despite burns covering about

on Friday in Khan Yunis, located in the GazarStrip, to commemorate "the group's founding and the killing of master bombinake. Yihye

Ayyash, "The Engineer." Ayyash was killed in January in Gaza when he answered a call on his cellular phone and it exploded in his hands.

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Council head Zvi Katzover, Geula Cohen, and rabbis Eliezer Waldman, Dov Lior and Moshe Levinger.

Cohen said that considering the tension in Hebron and the insecurity under which the settlers are living, the police should be acting with added sensitivity, not increased aggressiveness. "With the situation so volatile, the police should have acted exactly opposite from the way they did."

Cohen said that even if Arnon did what the police allege,

it is no reason to desecrate the Shabbat. She said that the border police have it in for the settlers in Hebron, and want to show them "who is boss." She said the settlers would prefer for the IDF to deal with these types of matters and not the police. The IDF commanders at the scene asked the police not to arrest Arnon, she said, but

Waldman said that the whole incident shows the "hostility with which the police view the settlers." What happened that necessitated desecrating the Shabbat, he asked? "Did he kill somebody, did he pose a danger to the public order?" Hebron settlement spokesman David Wilder said trans-

porting Amon on Shabbat was totally unnecessary, since Arnon said he would voluntarily walk to the police station in Givat Ha'avot.

The last time Jews were taken by car to a police station after being arrested on Shabbat was some three years ago. Wilder said. The general rule in the past, when someone was detained on Shabbat, was for them to be held at the Civil Administration building in town. But the police have

since moved out of that building in advance of the redeployment, and have moved to Givat Ha'avot. However, that facility does not have a holding pen for people waiting to be brought before a judge.

Although relations between settlers in the area and the police were rocky under the last government, "in some sense it has calmed down," Wilder said. "But the police hierarchy in Hebron has not changed." he added. "They are bored and have to find something to do."

#### Police say Shabbat a factor in planning arrests

POLICE try to exercise sensitivity regarding making arrests on Shabbat, especially when they involve the

religious, a police spokesman said yesterday.

There are no written regulations regarding Shabbat arrests, the spokesman said, and anyone suspected of breaking the law should take into consideration the possibility that they may be arrested on Shabbat. Each case is judged individually and the final decision rests with the relevant district or sub-district commander.

Arrests are made at demonstrations held on Shabbat and in the case of serious crimes, police do not take into consideration the day or time of day. However, the spokesman insisted that in other cases, police usually do show sensitivity to those who observe Shabbat.

## Jerusalem planning commission hears objections to Ras al-Amud project

Jerusalem Post Statt and news agencies

THE Jerusalem district planning commission yesterday heard objections to a proposed Jewish housing project in Ras al-Amad in eastern Jerusalem. If the commission approves the plan, it will go to interior Minister Eli Suissa for final approval.

Opposition figures and Palestinian leaders waited approved of the plan could provoke violence.

"Implementation of this decision would mean the destruction of the peace process and the creation of a popular reaction that would make the tomnel incidents a simple matter," said Faisal Husseini, the leading PLO official in Jerusalem. "We are trying to deal with this issue in political

and peaceful means through the peace process."

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush, when asked if the Housing plan

was wise, said he is not worried. "I don't see any reason why lews can't live in the Old City or in the east of the city. There is no reason not to ... It can lead to coexistence,

he told Israel Radio. The radio said the plan called for 132 homes for Jews in Ras al-Amad. Suissa had linked approval of more housing for Arabs in the neighbor-hood to approval of the plan for Jewish housing, the radio said.

Lawyer Daniel Siedemann, who opposed the plan yesterday at the hearing on behalf of Ir Shalem and Palestinians, told Reuter the plan did not respect the delicate mosaic of the city." The linkage between the Jewish and Arab building is scandalous and

illegal ... they [Arabs] are being held hostage," he added.
Siedeman said the commission could take "a day or a mouth" before deciding whether to send the plan for Suissa's signature.

Labor MK Uzi Baram said the plan, which he blocked when he was interior minister in the previous government, is a prescription for iron-

"I'm completely against it," he told Israel Radio. "The existing hostility in my opinion will also cause a very complicated international problem for the Netanyahu government and it will also cause serious conflicts between the Jews and Arabs in that neighborhood."

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# Restaurant

Foreign Minister David Levy (left) and his Cypriot counterpart, Alecos Michaelides, emerge from a luncheon meeting yesterday at Jerusalem's Sheraton Plaza Hotel. Michaelides expressed concern at Israel's just-concluded deal to upgrade Turkish Phantom fighter-bombers.

(Isaac Harm)

# Sarid: Egypt wary of Netanyahu gov't

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MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid, who was the guest of Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa in Cairo vesterday, said after their meeting that he found "a considerable amount of scepticism in Egypt regarding the true intentions of Binyamin Netanyahu's govern-ment, both on the Palestinian and

Sarid said Egypt believes "there is no chance in resuming the negotiations with Syria without adopting the 'peace for territories' formula and willingness to fully implement this even on the Golan

Gen. (res.) Ahmed Paher, the

The Tel Aviv Foundation

head of the Middle Eastern Studies Institute in Cairo, and Dr. Osama el-Harb, the head of the research institute of El-Aharam newspaper, told him of "worrying changes among Egyptian military personnel," Sarid said. He said they told him that Israel had been marked on maps once as an "enemy"; after that as "an opponent"; later as "a neighboring state"; and now as "an unpredictable state."

They expressed concern at this change and called for greater cooperation between Egypt,

In his conversation with Moussa, Sarid raised the issue of Israeli citizen Azzam Azzam, who is being held in an Egyptian prison on espionage charges. Sarid said he made it quite clear that Azzam had no connection at all with the Mossad "and one hopes the [Egyptian] error will be quickly

seen and rectified." Sarid spoke in private with Moussa for about an hour and was then the guest of honor at a hunch with leading ministry officials, parliamentarians, researchers and

#### Ran Cohen questions legality of dual citizenship for PM's advisers

MERETZ MK Ran Cohen is asking the head of the Civil Service to investigate whether it is legal and acceptable for an adviser in the Prime Minister's Office to hold dual nationality. Cohen was relating to a newspaper article on David Bar-Illan, the head of the political planning and

information branch in the Prime Minister's Office. Cohen, who chairs the Knesset State Control Committee, sent a letter to Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander asking whether it is acceptable that a ministerial branch head, and particularly one in the premier's office, should also be a national of a foreign country and use his foreign passport during official visits. Cohen also asked Hollander to check whether Bar-Illan had passed security checks and whether the nationalities of other advisers had been checked.

"Apart from the scorn it raises in a government promoting itself as patriotic, and nationalist, there are questions of the legality and acceptability of such a senior civil servant holding two nationalities," Cohen

In response, Bar-Illan, who is Israeli-born, noted that according to US law an American citizen must use a US passport to enter and leave that country and that he travels with both his Israeli and US passports. He said he had passed all the security tests, including a lie-detector test. Bar-Illan said the question of the legality of having dual nationality had not been raised before, but he would abide by Hollander's ruling and would be prepared to give up his US citizenship if necessary.

The same questions apply to Dore Gold, the prime minister's diplomatic adviser, who also holds both US and Israeli citizenship.

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Hassidim



# Hassidim throng rabbi's funeral

THOUSANDS of hassidim yesterday made their way on foot from the Toldot Aharon Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim Quarter to the Mount of Olives to pay their last respects to Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kahan, the leader of the only hassidic group that originated in this

coma following a fall.

He was 83 with a wife, nine children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His followers were known for their striped robes, similar to those of Arabs, and for the fact that they vigorously opposed vot--Kahan, who was among the most extreme of the hassidim in his anti-Zionist outlook, died in Israeli elections and would accept no money, including National Insurance pay-

early yesterday morning after two years in a ments and children's allowances, from the state of Israel.

Following the deceased's last request, hassidim sang the melody they normally sing on Rosh Hashana before the blowing of the shofar at the graveside. Also in accord with the last will of the deceased, his successor is to be chosen after the shiva, by the hassidim.

# Reported HIV carriers in Middle East have doubled over past two years

THE number of reported HIV carriers in the Middle East has doubled over the past two years to 192,000, according to UN AIDS official Johannes van Dam, who reported the figures over the weekend at an AIDS seminar held at the Tantur Institute outside Jerusalem.

Van Dam is one of 42 public health educators from Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority who are attending the event, which is Health Ministry and the Canadian government of among Palestinians in Market and that AIDS.

Improved reporting is undoubtedly responsity education must improve as fewer Palestinians ble for the higher numbers of known HIV car
were being tested due to car on general positive.

riers, but this also is due to the spread of the disease in the region.

Eyad Arafe from the PA Health Ministry's Department of Preventive Medicine said 28 Palestinians have developed full-blown AIDS since 1981; 11 of them were infected in the territories, and the rest were infected abroad. Ofinanced thy the Foreign Ministry, "the PA" There were no mew rail S cases reported

Israel, according to the Health Ministry.

According to Inon Schenker of the Jerusalem

There are 1,452 known AIDS carriers in

AIDS Project, the seminar participants decided to set up a Middle East task force on AIDS. Schenker helped develop the first-ever curricu-lum on AIDS for schools in Moslem countries. He said last night he was pleased that despite the difficult political simation, public health educators in the region were ready to meet in ... Israel and discuss ways of fighting the spread.

# Segregation at school in Bnei Brak continues

THE Education Ministry has not been successful in getting a Bnei Brak girls' school to integrate its classes, despite the recommendations of a ministry commission which looked into disturbances at the school at the beginning of the academic year.

2.521

Director-General Ministry Benzion Dell is due to appeal to the heads of the semiautonomous haredi Independent Education Authority again today, the ministry spokesman said, in an attempt to put an end to segregation on the basis of ethnic back-

Some 80 percent of the girls studying at the Sha'arei Aharon school are of Sephardi background, the spokesman said. Parents of Ashkenazi background charge that their daughters are not well treated by other pupils in those classes where they form a minority. The school therefore agreed to set up special classes for Ashkenazi girls. In previous years, the classes had been inte-

Yesterday, Avraham Marshall, head of the Sephardi parents' committee, charged that 12 Ashkenazi girls, who were nevertheless placed in integrated classes two months ago, had "fled" from the

"We have been in this country 50 years and have studied in the same yeshivot and with the same rabbis. Why does this have to happen now?" Marshall said.

He said that an inspector, appointed by Dell when the trouble broke out earlier in the year, had not been able to hold any contacts on the issue after the authori-

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ty refused to cooperate with him. Marshall was interviewed on Israel Radio's "It's All Talk" pro-

The ministry spokesman last night confirmed that a steering committee (consisting of municipal representatives, parents, ministry and authority officials) which was due to hold a dialogue on how to divide the classes, had not been able to meet.

The haredi representatives thwarted their efforts to convene, according to Marshall. He said that authority representatives told him yesterday that they did not recognize the recommendations of the ministry's commis-

Dell said, in response, that the authority had pedagogical inde-pendence, "but the ministry has red lines [beyond which] it has to intervene even when there is pedagogical independence ... I strong-ly hope that, after speaking to the representatives of the authority, the inspector whom I appointed, Rabbi Moshe Avidan of the ministry, will be able to convene the steering committee.

"Even if I do not have the formal power to apply the commission's recommendations," Dell added, "I shall use all my influence - and I have such on the Independent Education system - to bring about

#### Highway pollution 8 times permitted levels

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THE level of air pollution along main highways is above the permitted standard, according to a survey by Avi Moshel of the Hebrew University's environmental sciences department.

Cars fitted with internal sampling devices traveling between Jerusalem and its Mevasseret Zion suburb and on the Ayalon highway in the morning rushhour had up to eight times the permitted standard of nitrogen oxides and high – though accept-able – levels of carbon monoxide.

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# Police finger kingpin of Russian underworld

BUSINESSMAN Malevsky is one of the leaders of organized crime in Russia, and has remained criminally active both locally and internationally since immigrating here over two years ago, according to intelligence information received by the Israel

Information on Malevsky's alleged criminal activities came to light yesterday in a deposition by a representative of the State Attorney's Office before the High Court of Justice, which was hearing Malevsky's petition against being given an extension of his Israeli passport.

Police.

According to the police, Malevsky is behind a number of contract killings, is heavily involved in the drug trade, extortion, and the running of a number

According to the State Attorney's Office, Malevsky is

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one of the leaders of a Russian underworld organization known as "Izmalyevo." With several hundred members, it is considered one of Russia's oldest and most violent criminal organizations, specializing in ruthlessly eliminating its Malevsky was one of the two

Russian underworld figures on the hit list of private investigators Amir Ben-Asher and former IDF officer Ya'acov Bak, who were hired to murder them in 1995. Bak and Ben-Asher, who have since been convicted and sentenced, were paid \$100,000 by other Russian criminals, via an Israeli living in Russia, to assassinate Malevsky and Michael Cherney.

Malevsky and Chemey, who have legitimate businesses here, were apparently at odds with other members of the Russian under-

Bak and Ben-Asher hired a local hit man and provided him with weapons and ammunition. But the would-be contract killer, whose name is banned from publication, decided to turn police informer and taped all transactions with Bak and Ben-Asher, leading to

their arrests. Since then, the same individual has informed on two other plots: the planned murders of the wife of prominent businessman Haim Aflalu and businessman Aharon Ginzberg.

At yesterday's hearing the state claimed that Malevsky filed a false declaration when applying for citizenship under the Law of Return. The police asked the Interior Ministry to revoke Malevsky's citizenship potting he Malevsky's citizenship, noting he is wanted by the Russian police and declared the contrary when

# Arab council heads pitch tents opposite PM's Office

ISRAELI Arab council heads pitched a protest tent opposite the Prime Minister's office yesterday as part of their campaign to press for a bailout of their debt-ridden

Portable beds, mattresses, rugs and chairs were moved into the tent, as the striking council leaders

prepared for a long struggle.
"We don't intend to leave here until the government has agreed to tackle the problems afflicting the Arab councils," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the forum of Arab Council Heads.

"That means consolidating debts and increasing regular and development budgets to equalize them with those of councils in the Jewish sector," said Suleiman, head of Mash'had local council near Nazareth.

The 53 Arab councils have accumulately debts totalling NIS 430 million More than half have been that to pay the salaries of municipal employees - some for several months.

"The councils ar we have reached the end of our tether. This time we won't give up," said Suleiman.

The council leaders have invited several foreign ambassadors, including those of the US, France, Egypt and Jordan, to visit the protest tent Wednesday. They will present them with reports and documents outlining what they describe as the ongoing neglect of the Arab sector by successive gov-

For the time being the strike is by the council heads only and does

not effect municipal services in the towns and villages Suleiman stressed, however,

that they would intensify their campaign up to and including a general strike of the entire Arab sector if they demands were not



A slightly injured Jerusalem detective receives first aid yesterday after he was hit with a shovel by a burglary suspect. The officer saw two Arab youths break into a car on Rehov Hamelech David and load the booty into a van, which drove off. He pursued the two into a nearby construction site, where they attacked him and stole his pistol before escaping.

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The price of the tender documents is NIS 2,925 (including VAT, non-refundable). Bids should be placed in the Tenders Box located in the Tenders

Department, Project Construction Division, 16 Hahashmal St., Tel Aviv (11th floor) by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

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# Over 100,000 protest in new anti-Milosevic demonstration

MORE than 100,000 demonstrators, accusing Serbia's Supreme Court of rubber-stamping socialist election fraud, thronged Belgrade yesterday amid growing demands for an end to President Slobodan Milosevic's autocratic rule.

The court has begun rejecting appeals by the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition parties that vote rigging by the socialists cheated it of victory in Belgrade during local elections on November 17.

Anger at the rulings mobilized more than 100,000 protesters in the capital and 40,000 in the southern town of Nis. where Zajedno also claimed it had won in the biggest reversal for socialist rule in Serbia for 50 years.

Referral of the issue to the court after three weeks of street protests buoyed opposition hopes that Milosevic might admit defeat under strong pressure from the US and other Western governments. Although there was no official

announcement, copies of the count's legally binding decision in five out of 50 appeals were sent to Zajedno and the Belgrade election

Zajedno leader Vuk Draskovic said the rulings were sufficient to deprive the opposition of a major-

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ity in Belgrade and restore socialist control.

"It is now clear to both the foreign and domestic public that what the Supreme Court did last night was founded on politics, not law," Zajedno lawyer Goran Draganic

Draskovic told reporters that peaceful protests would continue until Milosevic resigned, but he feared the authorities might quickly resort to force.

"I am expecting tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, that Milosevic will use police, maybe even the army, but we will not stop," he

The authorities have held the police in reserve during daily street protests attracting up to 150,000 people.

Zajedno leaders have expressed concern that police provocateurs among the marchers could foment trouble and give Milosevic an excuse to turn loose his riot police. He used tanks to crush the last significant street challenge to his authority in 1991.

Zajedno and Belgrade students staged separate marches, during

which a wreath was laid at the door of Milosevic's office with the inscription: "Justice died here."

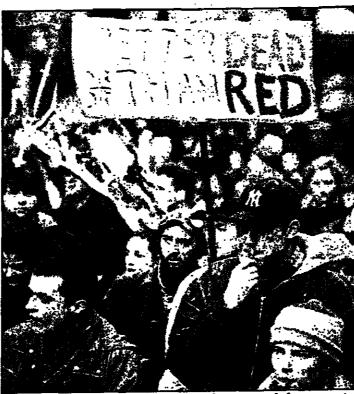
Draskovic compared Milosevic and his marxist wife Mirjana with Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, who were overthrown and executed in

He told baying demonstrators: "We are not even the victims of a one-party dictatorship, but of a one-bed dictatorship. We are in the same position Romania under the Ceausescus. There's only one objective now - resignation." Mirjana, who leads her own

United Yugoslav Left (YUL) party is even more unpopular than her husband with opposition support-Aleksa Djilas, political analyst

son of the late communist dissident Milovan Diilas, accused the opposition of being over-ambitious in trying to topple Milosevic and warned against relying on the "I do not believe the West would

support Milosevic's replacement because a successor is not in sight," Djilas told Beta news agency. "The West | fears the nationalism of the opposition leaders and the anarchic situation



Student protesters blow whistles during a march in support of the opposition through the streets of Belgrade yesterday. The opposition said it would end the demonstrations if President Slobodan Milosevic agreed to ratify results from last month's

# Officials: Zairean rebels cut key road

BENI, Zaire (Reuter) - Zairean rebels and their allies have taken two strategic towns, cutting govemment troops in the northeastern town of Bunia off from Kisangani city to the west, local officials said yesterday.

The crossroads towns of Komanda and Mambasa are both on the main road from Bunia to Kisangani, the largest city in the

region.
"We tried to reach Burnia yesterday," said Kihungu Lubono Tsongo, magistrate in rebel-held Beni. "But [we] were turned back at Komanda ... by Banyamulenge [rebel] forces.' Mustafa Lufungula, head of the

Zairean Red Cross in Beni, said the Mai-Mai, a witchcraft group working for the rebels, had cut the Bunia-Kisangani road at Mambasa. Bunia - which is reported strongly defended - is the next target of rebels on the northern front as they extend the area they have carved out of eastern Zaire over

the past seven weeks. The Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire now controls a strip running 520 km. along Zaire's border with Uganda, Rwanda and

The rebellion has scattered at least 165,000 Rwandan refugees into the countryside of eastern

mission to find and help the refugees has set up its headquarters in the Ugandan capital Kampala.

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The Canadian commander of the force, Lieut-Gen. Maurice Baril, visited the rebel capital Goma yesterday to seek more information on how to help refugees.

As the mission looked increasingly tenuous, a force spokesman said Baril had crossed from Rwanda to Zaire to meet rebel leader Lament Kabila, who opposes the force deploying for fear it might restore the authority of Zairean President Mobutu Sese

Kabila's military commander, Andre Kissasse Ngandu, said in an interview published yesterday that the United Nations was inflating the number of refugees still in rebel-held areas as an excuse to bring in foreign forces.

In Beni, Tsongo said Bunia had a concentration of government troops, some poshed north by the advancing rebels and some flown in as remforcements. This would make a garrison of about 5,000 men, the rebels said. Tsongo said the Zairean soldiers had left a trail of destruction as they fled northwards.

On the other side of Rwanda, in northwestern Tanzania, about 1,000 Rwandan refugees walked out of two camps yesterday, complicating

## **Report: Nixon wanted Jewish** contributors to Democrats investigated

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) President Richard Nixon wanted the US tax agency to audit Jewish contributors to the Democratic Party, whom he said were "stealing in every direction," the San Francisco Examiner reported yes-

Nixon, in recently released White House tapes, urged Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman to "please get me the names of the Jews. You know, the big Jewish contributors to the Democrats. Could we please investigate some of the (exple-

The conversations were included in more than 200 hours of tapes released after the Nixon family gave up a two-decade battle to keep them private.

September 1971. Nixon encouraged investigations into Jewish contributors to 1968 Democratic presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey and former Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie, then the frontnunner for the Democratic nomination, the Examiner said.

"John, we have the power." Nixon said. "Are we using it now to investigate contributors to Hubert Humphrey? Contributors to Muskie? The Jews, you know, that are stealing in every direc-

Five days later, in a conversation with Haldeman, Nixon said: What about the rich Jews? The IRS is full of Jews, Bob."

When Haldeman proposed scouting the Internal Revenue At a meeting with domestic Service for "a zealot who dislikes Semitis adviser John D. Ehrlichman in those people" to audit Jewish con-

tributors, Nixon agreed: "Go after them like a son of a bitch.' Robert Strauss, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee

in 1971, called Nixon's comments

"sickening." "As a Jewish, politically involved Democrat, this language coming out of the mouth of a president of the United States is more than I can really comprehend."

Ehrlichman said he did not recall the conversations, the Examiner said. Haldeman died in

Strauss told the newspaper.

There is no evidence that any andits were carried out, and no. contributors were mentioned by

name, the Examiner said. Other examples of Nixon's anti-Semitism have surfaced in recent

# Swiss look to Jewish community to join Holocaust loot search leader in the effort to recover dormant Jewish

THE Swiss government is widening its contacts in the international Jewish community, by inviting numerous Jewish organizations to participate in its "search for truth and justice," according to the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

In the end, dozens of Jewish organizations may want to sit at the table.

Thomas Borer, who heads Switzerland's task force on the history of Swiss Holocaust-era financial dealings, is scheduled to hold a series of meetings later this week with Jewish organizations in the US, including representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, Swiss diplomatic sources said. He also is seeking meetings with B'nai

similar invitation to Avraham Burg, head of the Angeles. Jewish Agency, according to the Foreign

B'rith and the American Jewish Committee. Borer, a Foreign Ministry lawyer, extended a New York

MARILYN HENRY

Ministry. In letters sent in the last 10 days to Jewish organizations, Borer asked for the meetings "to discuss your views and suggestions as we continue our search for truth and

The Swiss move appeared to be an effort to navigate the extensively organized Jewish world and to identify all the relevant Jewish actors in a community where no single organization has the authority to speak for everyone. What's wrong with dealing with 27 different

Jewish organizations?" said Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los The World Jewish Congress has been the

led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, to arrange for an audit of the bank The Clinton administration was also said to be seeking meetings with a number of Jewish

assets in Swiss banks. It is now participating

with the Swiss Bankers Association on a panel,

organizations. The administration is in the early stages of an inquiry into how the US dealt with the recovery and distribution of Switzerland's wartime financial dealings will

be reviewed Wednesday at the third congressional hearing on this issue, this one called by the House Banking Committee. Among those scheduled to testify are Volcker, Borer, Edgar Bronfman of the World Jewish Congress, and a representative of the Swiss bankers.

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former Bosnian fighter as new leader ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - A 28-

year-old Moslem extremist who fought in Afghanistan and Bosnia has been chosen to lead the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), Algeria's most violent rebel faction, the group said yesterday.

Algerian rebel group names

Slimane Maherzi, also known as Abu Djamil, has replaced Antar Zouabri to lead the group's fight to install a fundamentalist Islamic government in Algeria.

It was not immediately clear why Zouabri was replaced, but he may have been killed by Algerian security forces, who have stepped up their operations against the militants in the past 15 days. More than 60,000 people have been killed in the 41/2-year-long insurgency.

Zouabri was considered responsible for the killings of dozens of Algerians who were not strictly observing Islamic law. He in turn had replaced Djamel Zitouni.

# German court delays ruling on Nazi slave workers

way for hundreds of prisoners in Hitler's slave labor camps to be awarded compensation.

The civil court could not reach a decision on whether 22 former slave workers should receive compensation and, if so, how much they would be entitled

"The decision will be made on January 31," said Klaus-Andreas Nagel, a lawyer for the claimants, after the court proceedings ended. "We hope the decision will go our way."

Nagel said one of the reasons the decision was delayed was that the lawyers for the claimants had recently increased the amount of compensation they were looking for.

The Constitutional Court ruled in July that foreign citizens' claims for their unpaid work could not be rejected out of hand as violating international law. But it said they might be turned down if already covered by specific bilateral agreements with their countries of origin.

It said German citizens could be entitled to make claims as well.

The case concerns 21 women and one man, all of them Jewish. Before World War II, they were of German, Hungarian and Polish nationality, but now all except three have taken Israeli citizenship. Two are US citizens and one is Canadian.

BONN (Reuter) - A German court last week delayed If the claimants win their case, it could pave the a decision until the end of January that could pave the way for landmark awards for hundreds of other for-

mer slave laborers. The Nazis forced hundreds of thousands of Jews, mainly from Eastern Europe, prisoners of war and other deportees to work under appalling conditions

for German companies. But since the end of the war, the German government has rejected individual claims from the survivors who helped to boost profits for German industry during the Third Reich.

It said these were covered in post-war bilateral agreements and that they could only be addressed once Germany concluded peace treaties with former foes and countries it occupied - something Germany had never done formally. Others were deemed invalid

as they were lodged "too late." Some firms that profited from slave labor were closed down after the war. Some, for example Volkswagen AG, are still in place while others have legal successors.

The most notorious company was the chemical giant IG Farben, which made "Zyklon B" for the gas chambers of Auschwitz and other concentration

IG Farben was the world's fourth-largest company until the end of the war. The allies broke it down into three firms - Bayer AG, BASF AG and Hoechst

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# A dragon that knows its place

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With Dennis Quaid, David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, Dina Meyer, Julie Christie and the voice

IDS of most temperaments are bound to enjoy the larger-than-life fancy of Dragonheart. Set in a fairytale 10th century of brave swordsmen, wicked kings, strong peasant girls and the last of the fire-breathing dragons, the film combines a powerful narrative with sophisticated special effects in a way that should appeal both to children who love reading books and to all the videogame aficionados in the audience.

In summier tones than are usual for such yarns about the Dark Ages, the movie tells the story of the unlikely friendship between a knight named Bowen (Dennis Quaid) and an enormous, flying lizard, Draco (the voice of Sean Connery), the sole remaining member of his species.

Although Bowen has made a name for himself as a dragonslayer - a sword-for-hire who travels the countryside offering to protect vil-lages from attack by the slithery beasts - he realizes he'll be out of a job once this last dragon is gone. So he agrees to join forces with the amiable monster, and the two set forth to bilk the terrified citizens of the realm. In a neatly choreo-

OV Reiser plays the title

role in Pirandello's fasci-

nating Henry IV, consid-

ered by many to be his best play.

It's a difficult, complex role, he says, "the story of a man who

pretends to be mad and forces

everybody to play along," until

he reaches the point of no return,

"and then the Henry character is

trapped-in the construct he's

This Henry IV is the German

kinglet who had to go to Canossa and beg pardon from Pope

Gregory VII before the pope would lift the ban of excommuni-

cation against the king and his people in 1077. Pirandello's play

veers between this century and

aristocrat, has imagined himself

to be the king, following a kick in the head from his horse, and

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friends have tried to cure a man

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that's he's as same as you or I.

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Reality or illusion

HELEN KAYE



Bowen (Dennis Quaid) is a knight who befriends the last remaining dragon.

graphed scam, Bowen relieves the peasants of a sack of gold then pretends to kill the dragon, who does his bit and plays dead for a while. Then the buddies move onto the next cluster of thatch-roofed huts and start all over again.

While their exploits are amusing, it's clear from the outset that Bowen's behavior is not quite in line with the chivalric code to which he long ago swore allegiance. As the film goes on, both he and the orange-eyed creature are called upon to demonstrate their honor, valor and selflessness: the tyrannical King Einon (David Thewlis) must be overthrown, and the oppressed serfs in burian liberated (Dina Meyer plays the pretty

because the alternative is

Pirandello (1867-1936), an

Pirandello isn't exactly pop

theater, so applause to the Sifria Theater in Ramat Gan for mount-

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tomboy leader of the peasant revolt). And toppling the king is no simple matter of storming the castle and beheading the sadistic jerk. As a young man, Einon's life was saved by a beneficent dragon, who gave the dying heir to the throne half his heart and inextricably linked his own reptilian fate to that of the despotic monarch...

It's an unusual children's picture whose plot and characters are actually too complex to collapse into a neat little tic-tac-toe board. Dragonheart is such a film, a fact that's still more impressive when we stop to consider the boggling technological challenges involved in bringing the legend to life. Director Rob Cohen and screenwriter Charles Edward Pogue could easily have handed the creative reins over to the swarm of special effects types who worked on the movie - but they resisted. and the results are admirable. Not only does the digitally constructed monster look like a real live dragon, he knows his place in the story.

And what, you ask, does a "real live" dragon look like? Like a huge, toothy wind-up toy, of course, with a hatchet for a tail, a pair of gigantic kites for wings and napalm on his breath. One of the elements that distinguishes Dragonheart from Jurassic Park. its most obvious, prehistoric ancestor on the special-effects family tree, is the crucial element

of make-believe involved in Cohen's movie. (George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic was responsible for the visual wizardry in both films.)

While the dinosaurs in the Spielberg extravaganza were drawn diligently and well from the anatomical structures of an actual extinct species, no skeletons have vet been unearthed to prove the existence of talking dragons. So instead of the impressive but peculiarly literal (and, in some ways, numbing) accuracy that weighed down a spectacle like Jurassic Park, the makers of Dragonheart are able to let their imaginations fly high and free - the most special

#### **NEWS OF THE MUSE**

Our kind of folk

Druse, Beduin, Yemenite, and Caucasian folk dancers will be among the 10 groups competing for NIS 15,000 in prizes from the Schuster Foundation, at the Ethnic Celebration on Wednesday at the Holon Arts Center in Kiryat Sharett. Also competing are Kurdish singer Ilana Ilya. Russian singer Boris Sihon, and folk-dance groups from Karmiel, Haifa and Tel Aviv. The event is organized to present our country's ethnic diversity in music, dance and song by Mataf, an organization dedicated to this aim. The Han Tang Yuefu song ensemble from Taiwan will also appear.

**Bat Dor premieres** 

The Bat Dor Dance Company is premiering three new short works on December 30. They are Nils Christie's Sync, Song of Songs by Philippe Trehet - whose company was seen at the International Dance Competition in October, and Ring (a provisional title), by Bat Dor's own Anya Brud.

Musicians protest

The Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion played a special concert at the Knesset, at the beginning of last week, protesting management threats to fire musicians if the government does not provide the orchestra with the money it promised it for the current fiscal year. Orchestra management expressed hope that the funds will arrive, but stressed that if not, there will be no way to avoid Michael Ajzenstadt

Seeds of 'Sesame Street'

Educational Television is all set to roll on 60 new episodes of the evergreen pre-school series. Sesame Street or Rehav. Sumsum in Hebrew. This cycle will concentrate on tolerance and mutual respect between people. Actor Ami Weinberg will portray the new Kippi, a hedgehog substitute for the American Big Bird. The east includes both Israelis and Arabs and features newcomers to the series such as singer Amal Morkos, and actress Meski Shibru. The all-new Sesame Street will start screening in 1998. Helen Kaye

Spielberg adds to his list

Steven Spielberg is a father again, It is the Hollywood director's fifth child with Kate Capshaw, and in keeping with local custom, the names get more and more ridiculous as they go along. The couple's new little girl is called Destry Allyn. Spielberg, who married Capshaw in 1991, also has a son (Max. !!) from his first wife, Amy İrving.

Spielberg got to know Capshaw when she starred in his adventure movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. At present, the Cincinnati-born director is building up his DreamWorks multimedia entertainment studio, which he founded two years ago with record magnate David Geffen and movie czar Jeffrey Katzenberg.

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#### America's favorite movie star

Mel Gibson has been voted "America's Favorite Movie Star" of 1996, knocking John Wayne off his longstanding No. 1 position, according to a telephone poll among 1,000 adults conducted last month by the Harris polling agency. Since his death in 1979, Wayne has been at or near the top of the annual Harris survey. Gibson, who was born in Peckskill. New York, but grew up in Australia. won two Oscars last year for

Mel Gibson knocked Braveheart. His latest film, Ransom, in John Wayne off no. 1. which he plays a millionaire who takes matters into his own hands when his son is kidnapped, has taken

over \$100 million at the US box office.

Muscleman Steven Seagal was in third position, followed by Clint Eastwood, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Kevin Costner, Sylvester Stallone and Paul Newman. The highest-ranked actress, Demi Moore, came in at only



Two characters who have found an author: Rosina Kambos and Dov Reiser star in Pirandello's

# The Jewish-American 'Flower of God' returns

FTER an absence of seven years, Murray Perahia -Perah-ya means the "flower of God" - is back. The American Sephardi pianist who now lives in London is to play works by Mozart and Schumann with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (under Michael Stern)

in a regular subscription series. And next week he will play Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, under Zubin Mehta, as part of the IPO's 60th anniversary celebrations.

He attributes his absence from our concert stages to "an infection in my finger which was analyzed wrong. There was one year in

which I did not play at all."

An exclusive recording artist with Sony (formerly CBS) for 25 years, with more than 30 discs to his credit, Perahia's recordings have always been very popular. The newest one is of sonatas by Scarlatti and Handel, and a new recording of the Schumann concerto is due next year. He is also about to perform and

record Bach for the first time, starting with the English Suites. Perahia enjoys playing in the recording studio. "Of course immediacy is facking but you can have enough time to work on each

On the other hand, if you record

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live in a concert and you play wrong notes it's not so pleasant to hear them more than once." Born to an Orthodox Jewish

family - his father came to New York from Saloniki - he had a very clear Jewish upbringing, which he is now passing on to his own two children, aged nine and 13. His wife Naomi is of Jewish Iraqi

As a child Perahia spoke Ladino at home, and he appreciates the fact that "my parents let me do what I wanted musically. I am the only musician in the family.

" I believe my father wanted to

his father thought it was unacceptable. My father went every Saturday to the Metropolitan Opera in New York. I know he wanted to take my mother but she was bored stiff so he took me

These days, he says, "Fewer people and no young people come to concerts. Our culture values instant gratification. ... l can't even get my two children to listen to classical music."

After 25 years of a hectic career, Perahia, who will be 50 in April, believes his overall playing has

be a musician but back in Greece changed through the years. Speaking about Mozart piano concerti, for which he became famous very early in his career, he says that "I think I see the unity more now, instead of many beautiful

details." The Mozart piano concerto (K.491) he plays this week (tomorrow, Thursday Saturday) with the IPO is "one of the two Mozart wrote in the minor key - which was very dramatic for

Perahia does not yet know when he will be back in Israel, but he

#### Discovery Channel, BBC team up in major venture

HE Discovery Channel announced last week that it had teamed up with the BBC in a \$500 million venture to make programs and launch new channeis.

It said in a statement that Discovery Communications Inc., the parent of cable television's Discovery Channel, and BBC Worldwide Ltd., the state-owned BBC's commercial arm, would launch new channels in the US and elsewhere,creating hundreds of hours of new programs.

It said Discovery would finance the venture, which would have access to the BBC's vast program library.

The statement quoted Discovery founder John S. Hendricks, who part-owns the company, as saying: "I can't think of a better partner for what I'm sure will be a very exciting journey."

The statement did not say what kind of programs the venture would make, but both Discovery Channel and the BBC are strong in wildlife and environmental pro-

Discovery Communications is owned by Liberty Media Corp, a division of Tele-Communications Inc. Cox Communications, Advance Newhouse Communications and Hendricks.

(Reuter)

# Opera – minus the voices

Sabine Meyer. A Night at the Opera. (Mozart, Rossini, Weber, Verdi) Orchester der Oper Zurich. Franz Welser-Most. EMI Classics (7243 5 56137 21).

'N recent years, a number of opera albums have appeared with no singing. This is a throwback to the 19th century, when composers arranged operatic arias and ensembles for various instruments, paricularly the piano. Liszt's piano arrangements for the operas of Wagner and Verdi are masterpieces of their kind.

The newest opera disc of this kind comes from clarinet virtuoso Sabine Meyer, and it is one of the most engaging opera discs I have heard in a long time. Meyer beguiles her listeners from the very opening number a 12-minute arrangement of themes from Rigoletto. It takes time to get used to the lack of words and to the overwhelming presence of the clarinet, but Meyer plays with lush warmth

and amazing virtuosity. Other numbers follow with the

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Tamino's aria from Die Zauberflöte, an aria from Der Freischütz, a Danzi arrangement of Mozart's "La Ci Darem la Mano" from Don Giovanni, and a great arrangement of Figaro's aria from Il Barbiere di Siviglia. Of course, opera will always be a verbal art form.

But this captivating disc suggests that the power and magic of the great opera arias and duets lies far beyond its immediate dramatic context

Copland: Piano quartet, Sonata for violin and piano, Rodeo (solo piano version). Duo for flute and piano. Soloists of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra – Glenn Dicterow, Charles Rex, Rebecca Young, Alon Stepansky, Jeanne Baxtresser; Israela Margalit Anglo-American (piano). Chamber Music series. EMI Classics (7243 5 55405 22).

EMI's Anglo-American Chamber same dexterity and poise. There Music Series, conceived and

artistically directed by Israela Margalit, is a real winner. Margalit managed to engage some of her musical friends to perform neglected chambermusic masterpieces, and the result is most engaging and revealing alike.

The Copland disc, on which Margalit shines throughout, is the real winner. Margalit's rendition of the piano version of the Rodeo ballet suite is simply stun-

The orchestral colors to help her, Margalit manages to draw in front of us an American portrait of a society which loves the notion of life.

It is a powerful performance which is coupled by some other little-known Copland works, like the engaging and powerful Sonata for Violin and Piano, and the beguiling, gripping and bril-liantly written Piano Quartet.

Copland (1900-1990) was one of America's greatest composers, a musician writing very much in the European tradition yet building from it a very specific American musical language.





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# Ending the pain

HERE are more doctors in Israel per perment have been offered, but it is still not possison than in any other nation in the world. Israeli medical care is world class and constantly improving. Yet in at least one area. the treatment of pain, many Israeli doctors remain in the dark ages - not for lack of equipment or funds, but out of inexcusable ignorance.

Pain is one of the most common manifestations of cancer and one of the most feared consequences of the disease. A third to a half of patients with early stage cancer, and 70 to 90 percent of patients with advanced cancer suffer pain. An indication of the suffering of these patients is that extreme pain has been found to be the most important factor leading cancer patients to request euthanasia or assisted sui-

A survey of Israeli doctors released at last week's annual meeting of the Israeli Pain Society found that almost three-fifths believe that pain could be controlled in more than 75 percent of patients. In their own experience, however, only 17% felt that such a degree of success is actually being achieved.

There is evidently a substantial gap between the amount of pain that doctors know can be relieved, and the actual application of pain relief. The doctors surveyed also pointed to the reasons for this gap: failure to assess pain, ignorance of pain treatment methods, reluctance to presente certain drugs, and finally, patient reluctance to use certain drugs.

The good news is that pain can be relieved, and that many doctors recognize that pain is being under-treated. Each of the reasons for under-treatment can be addressed. But pain will not be properly treated unless doctors and nurses are trained to identify it. Patients must be asked whether they are in pain, and patients' complaints of pain should not be dismissed. Pain is a subjective experience, so there is no clear cut way of objectively measuring pain.

Despite this, pain can be assessed, tracked, and treated like other patient symptoms. The Canadian Medical Association has recommended that pain be recognized as a fifth vital sign, along with temperature, blood pressure, respiration, and heart rate. In light of this, Canadian hospitals will be required to chart pain as they chart other vital signs in order to receive accred-

Doctors, understandably, tend to focus on symptoms that are easily measured. The charting of pain would instantly increase the awareness of both doctors and patients that pain is a measurable symptom that patients have a right to have monitored and treated.

And once pain is registered, doctors would have grounds to take action - if they knew what to do. Despite the high quality of Israeli medical schools, 89 percent of the Israeli doctors polled in the just-released survey rated their own medical school training in the management of pain as poor or very poor. There are no formal courses on palliative medicine in any of Israel's four medical schools. Palliative care is not a required subject for doctors, even for oncologists. Just this year, post-graduate courses in pain manageble for local doctors or nurses to specialize in the field.

Clearly, education regarding established paincontrol methods should become standard in Israeli medical schools. Hospitals should also issue guidelines that will prompt doctors to remedy deficiencies in their own training for the reduction of pain. It is not acceptable for patients to suffer from treatable pain simply because of their doctor's ignorance.

The effective treatment of pain is also hobbled by myths that are prevalent both among doctors and the public at large. Morphine and other opioid drugs have been stigmatized as addictive. In fact, every major study of the matter has found that the risk of addiction to morphine is very low, probably as low as one in 10,000. Every medical panel that has examined the issue has concluded that it makes no sense for patients to suffer debilitating pain to avoid a minuscule risk

In recognition of this consensus, a Ministry of Health committee has approved the removal or modification of numerous limits on the prescription of morphine-like drugs for the reduction of pain. The new regulations, now awaiting legal approval, would remove significant impediments to pain reduction and should be implemented as soon as possible.

Many doctors and patients, who are unfamiliar with the current consensus on pain management, believe that patients will usually develop a tolerance to strong pain killers that render them ineffective. This, too, has been clinically demonstrated to be a myth.

It is also a misconception that strong pain killers will destroy the patient's ability to function normally. Studies indicate that, with today's pain-management techniques, most pain can be relieved with minimal or no side effects.

While the education of doctors will go a long way in educating the public on treating pain, the public can also lead the way. Some people think it is wrong to complain about pain, or believe that drugs are worse than the pain. If people were more aware that pain can and should be treated, they would demand such treatment from the health-care system and speed the educational process.

A recent editorial in the journal Cancer stated, "That there is so much suffering that could be controlled [and] that is not is, at best, unfortunate and at worst, an indictment of professional standards." Israel is moving in the right direction to alter these standards, but not quickly enough. It is a slow process, as the professional responsibility for remedying the situation lies with the Ministry of Health, the medical schools, hospital administrators, and health

But beneath this clinical view lies the common denominator that unites all who suffer pain. As Hippocrates, author of the physician's credo known as the Hippocratic Oath, said, "Divine is the effort to subdue pain." Our moral imperative is to strive urgently to subdue this most basic and debilitating form of suffering.

# What do they do?

DAVID NEWMAN

Association holds its annual conference, in Tel Aviv.

"Ugh!" I can hear people saying, "What a bore!" as they remember high school, where they were forced to learn the names of rivers and capital cities ad nauseam, or perhaps the differences between types of climates or landforms.

How often I am greeted with the question, "So you're a professor of geography? Then can you tell me the name of the capital city of

> The geographers' palette comprises the shades and colors of human activity

Nepal, or the river that flows

through Mongolia?" Expected to be the world's best travel agent I encounter blank stares when - as often happens - I am as ignorant of the answers as the average person. There can be few disciplines in the modern world where as great a chasm exists between practice and external perceptions.

Geography is an exciting profession, but few non-geographers have much idea what it is geographers actually do. And geographers themselves have

become so self-conscious that many

spend much of their professional life justifying themselves to the outside world or, as is often the case, finding an alternative label for their work.

Let's take a look at the program of today's conference, which, by the way, approximately 300 geographers, planners, geomorphologists, environmentalists and policy makers are expected to attend.

TODAY the Israel Geographical There are sessions on topics covering the whole range of physical and human landscape formation.

Geographers don't just study the way our spaces and territories were formed in the past, they are also actively involved in planning how these places and spaces should (and maybe will) be planned in the future.

In Israel geographers sit on numerous governmental committees which determine how our land is to be zoned, where settlements should be located, how our environment is to be preserved, to which areas scarce resources should be allocated - even how the future maps of Israel and the Palestinian Authority should be drawn up and demarcated.

Geography graduates are fortunate: they have a wide range of practical job opportunities, and can be found working in many government ministries and planning agencies.

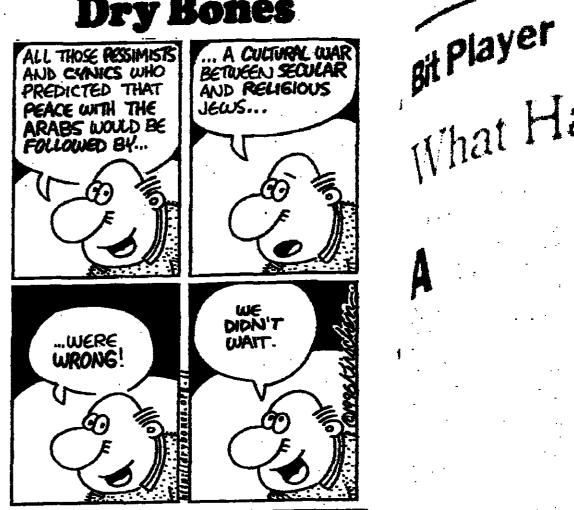
BUT, some still ask, what do geographers actually deal with? Well, the wide-ranging, somewhat eclectic, list of topics suggests that the answer could be: just about anything they can lay their hands on. Geography is, by definition, a diverse profession. It is a form of national unity government, one which comprises all shades and colors of

together under a territorial umbrella. If geographers are critical of other disciplines it it is that many other social scientists view the world as if everything were happening on top of a needle-point.

human activity, seeking to draw them

The political scientist and the sociologists don't pay enough attention to the fact that differences in society are affected by, and in turn affect, the types of places in which we live, in which we function on a daily basis. Spatial differentiation is central

Dry Bones



to our understanding of society's functioning. It isn't just the "how" and the "when" that should interest us, but the "where" too.

And it is significant that in the social science literature of the "postmodern" era, where boundaries between disciplines are supposedly vanishing, the sociologists, economists and political scientists have suddenly discovered the importance of space and place. Their journals have become full of articles dealing with topics that have been central to

geographers for decades.

If this all sounds like a pitch for

geography... well, it is. It was Warren Christopher who,

on a helicopter tour of the West Bank and Golan Heights, is said to have commented that he hadn't realized how important an understanding of geography was to a full acquaintance with the intricacies of the Arab-Israel conflict.

Ladies and gentlemen, I rest my

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey Institute of Social Research at Ben-Gurion University.

# 'My way is great, yours stinks'

F some diabolical genius sought to estrange secular Israelis even further from Judaism and, while he was at it. deepen social rifts and send our level of social discourse plummeting even further, he couldn't have dreamt up a more brilliant notion than a haredi demonstration in Tel Aviv against the Shabbat behavior of Tel Avivians.

The dreary scenario, so familiar in Jerusalem, repeats itself in the city by the sea as a black mass of haredim denounce the secularists while a countermass of Meretz and other secularists denounce the haredim.

Placards, jeering, name-calling. My way of life is great, yours s.... Nope, you've got it wrong - it's my way of life that's great, yours that stinks. It reminds me of the kind of tit

for tat I used to have with my sister when we were small. What neither side, haredim nor extreme secularists, suspects for a

moment is that they resemble each other. Each has a stringent requirement for Israeli society; each wants everyone to be the way they are. The haredim want everyone to

be haredi. The extreme secularists claim to be paragons of tolerance and pluralism, yet tend to be full of contempt, even hatred, toward those who are politically or reliDAVID HORNIK

giously different. I don't miss America's social problems - considerably worse than Israel's - but I do miss the

ly counterposed to the "medieval ghetto" of the haredim. The haredim regard their way of life as definitively perfect. For

What really hurts is the sheer stupidity of the religious-secular 'debate'

capacity to talk about them more

lives in the 20th century; what's in change as progress and champion values and standards is needed.

voking articles and books and are genuinely exposed to each other's

Here, instead of conservatives

live in modern society but can't think about it critically because they tend to see it as monolithical-

them it's a great, God-ordained thing that able-bodied and ableminded men live as wards of the state on tiny stipends, ignorant of every woman is forced to bear 10 children, barred from every

In my experience with left-wing

extremism on both sides I don't want to suggest the two camps are equivalent. When it comes to denying the other side's adult autonomy, regarding one's opponents as ignorant babes at best, the

If they understood anything at all about secular Tel Avivians they'd know that the very last

Beyond that, much as I object to some of the views of the left-wing secularists I have a big thing in

That makes me feel a bond with my political opponents on the left that I can never feel with the great majority of haredim. I'm sure I'm

not alone.

The writer is a writer and trans-

General Zionists in the course of

the second Knesset) became the

10 followers of Rabbi Ovadia

Yosef - who dress like the

Lithuanian Jews, even though

these latter regard them as inferi-

ors - is without doubt the result of

another major failure of the secu-

But the problem of extremist

religious dominance is smaller

than it might at first seem, since I

see the real "fundamentalist" core

as being among the Ashkenazim,

and not among the Sephardi hared-im. There is thus no earthly reason

why we should not be able to con-

front it, employing wisdom, deter-

Those who hold that Hitler

came to power because some of us

desecrated Shabbat and are pork

(as was recently suggested) have

mination and self-confidence.

lar education system.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR |

SCITEX

Sir. - As a shareholder, I have a question relating to the sorry saga of Scitex.

How is it that no legal or class action has been taken against a board of directors and management that knowingly turned down a serious offer of \$25 per share, while being aware of the true loss position the company was in, and when further growth became downsiz-

Surely, under these conditions, it is the responsibility of the managers and directors to look after their shareholders' best interest, not only their own and that of major backers - Clal and Discount

JACQUELINE HANAUER

#### **HOOLIGANISM**

Sir, - I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the behavior of the US Marines recently in port in Haifa.

As an American civilian currently living in Israel, I was attempting to show this beautiful and historic city to a visiting friend, when we had the misfortune to find the city overrun by hundreds of riotous Marines. Their complete disregard for the hospitable efforts of their hosts. the people and merchants of Haifa, was only outdone by these soldiers' active and conscious effort to abuse and insult these

In a mere two hours I witnessed a handful of fights, three separate acts of blatant vandalism, and in general, the type of ignorant, childish misbehavior only to be defined as hooligan-

ZACH ROTHENBERG Ma'ayan Zvi.

Sir, - I am writing with reference to an article published in The Jerusalem Post on August 8. Of particular interest and concern to Jane's was the sentence: "All the more reason to be surprised at the major bloomer in its latest Sentinel publication, where it claims Israeli operatives are even now secretly spying in the US."

This caused concern since nowhere in the publication in question, Jane's Sentinel-Eastern Mediterranean, is there any mention of Israeli spies currently operating in the US. For your readers' information, I would like to point out that Jane's has a strict policy never to publish classified or unsourced information. All the information in Jane's publications is checked by a minimum of two

independent sources. We are confident that the information published in Jane's Sentinel was correct at time of going to press and feel that your readers should be informed accordingly.

SARAH THOMAS, Publishing Director, Jane's Information Group London.

Sir. - I write to clarify two misunderstandings about my professional title and role that were unintentionally implied in the insightful article by Steve Rodan on November 22 about a Khan Yunis Cleanup Day, financed by the European Union as part of the training of Gaza Community Workers by Interns for Peace.

First, although I do not have a congregation, I still serve as a rabbi in Israel" and retain the title. My inter-group relations work in Israel and abroad constitutes a rabmitzva, repeated 36 times in the strangers in the Land of Egypt." Second, I am not a "US-based director," but an international

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International Director, Interns for Peace

#### **OUT OF CONTEXT**

Sir, - Watching the videotape of the two border policemen hitting Palestinian detainees on Mabat on November 18, I couldn't help wondering if Channel 1 had become a propaganda outlet for the PA. In showing the footage, Channel 1 not only acted irresponsibly, but most definitely against the national interest of Israel.

To be sure, the kicking and hitting of the Palestinians looks brutal from he comfort of one's living room. But it should be kept in mind that such bullying of prisoners is far from uncommon in police detention centers around the world, even in countries not facing

any particular security threat. By airing the footage, Channel 1 certainly ensured that reports of Israeli brutality would be played around the world. From past experience, it is sure that the world media showed the film without context or background - namely, that the beatings occurred amid a massive security alert for would-be suicide bombers and following a "shooting war" when Palestinians gunned down border policemen.

Jerusalem.

#### INTERNS FOR PEACE

binate dedicated to fulfilling the Torah, "Welcome the stranger in your midst, for you were once director, who travels continuously to oversee the Interns for Peace offices and operations in Tel Aviv.

Gaza, New York and Europe. RABBI BRUCE M. ĈOHEN.

ECULAR Zionism's tragedy is that it hasn't developed a religious-spiritual alternative to either the haredi or extreme-

free of narrow-mindedness, intolerance, hatred and racism.

Middle Ages. Shas's Rabbi Ovadia Yosef quoted the biblical passage in which a Sabbath desecrator "must

elaborate. But can be have cited to make us "goyim" squirm?

ly psychological.

At the beginning of the century

At the beginning of the century my Polish-born maternal grandmother took off at the age of 18 for the US, her 15-year-old sister in tow, because she abhorred the life-style of her parents, refused to be married off by means of a shid-

In the US it's a given that one new trends; the conservatives think things have gone too far too fast, and that some infusion of old

Both sides write thought-pro-

and liberals, the debate (if you can call it that) is between "Jewish Khomeinis" and "Hebrew-speaking goyim."

About 90 percent of Israeli Jews

question is whether that's an unal- the arts or sciences, useless to loyed good. The liberals see both workforce and army. And if dimension of life but the domestic

one - that is the Way, the Torah. But to the vociferous secularists, egged on by haredi condemnation their life-style, everything about modern life has to be wonderful too, above scrutiny.

secularists, talk about even things like rising divorce and drug use, like teenagers roaming the streets all night and feeling closer to MTV than to the Bible is met with defensiveness rather than honesty.

YET despite the mirror-image

dent from their behavior.

thing that could incline them more toward Judaism is a black castigating throng from Jerusalem. The secularists may disapprove of haredi religious ideology, but they grant that it is a real and pow-

believe in it.

common with them: We serve in the same army. We're willing to risk, sometimes even lose, our

lator living in Jerusalem.

# Weakness mostly in the mind

# chauvinist variety of Judaism, one

It is this failure that made us seculars feel so powerless in the face of last week's muscle-flexing by local representatives of the

surely die." At whose hand? The rabbi didn't

the verse with any other intent but Yet we oughm't to feel so helpless, for our predicament is large-

We seculars tend to forget that it was precisely against this fanatical interpretation of Judaism that our grandfathers revolted, shedding the old ways that to them seemed the source of much of the misery of the Jews in Eastern Europe.

my maternal grandfather, who was born in Russia, refused to join his grandfather who had come to die in Jerusalem because the old man insisted that he study at a yeshiva. My grandfather wanted to be a farmer in Eretz Yisrael and he realized his dream in 1932, over two decades after his grandfather was buried on the Mount of Olives.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

duch and wanted to be free. My grandparents knew exactly what they were revolting against. Their secularism was the outcome of a deliberate decision, not of ignorance.

THE PROBLEM is that today's secular youngsters are ignorant. Those who feel a need to return to religion generally believe that the intolerant, fanatical interpretation

Hamizrahi and eight from Hapoel Hamizrahi). The Sephardim, "Oriental" Jews and Yemenites were represented

by five MKs belonging to two non-religious ethnic parties. Today the Ashkenazi haredim still have only four Knesset seats and the National Religious Party

of Judaism - the one that manitaken place is in the third group -Our local representatives of the Middle

Ages make us secularists squirm - but we are stronger than we think

fested itself in Tel Aviv last week - is "the real thing."

They forget that by the beginning of this century this narrow interpretation was in an advanced state of decay and degeneration. Its current renaissance isn't something that grew out of the genuine "real thing." It is an aberration which feeds on what we secular Zionists built with our

wits, our sweat and our blood. THE following statistics are fas-

cinating: In the first Knesser, formed in 1949, there were 18 religious MKs, who were elected within the framework of the United Religious Front. Of these 18 MKs four were haredi-Ashkenazi (two from Agudat Yisrael and two from Poalei Agudat Yisrael) and 12 were national-religious (four from is down to nine. Where the great difference has

who are represented in this 14th Knesset by 10 haredi MKs.

the so-called Sephardi Jews (Shas) Why the five moderate, for-ward-looking MKs of 1949 (their two parties both joined the liberal

The only remaining question is why we should continue to defend and support an educational system that propagates such ideas.

The writer is a political scientist.

#### POSTSCRIPTS

PRIME MINISTER Binyamin Netanyahu made two mistakes when posing with his wife and sons as he lit the Hanukka candles in his office on the first night of the holiday.

Undoubtedly causing sneers among his religious coalition partners, the photograph (published in all the papers) shows him lighting the candles on the wrong side. Any observant Jew knows that the first candle must be placed on the right end of the hanukkiya and not

on the left side.

no real answers.

The second mistake is that their two-year-old son, Avner, is holding the box of matches. That's risky for any child, even the son of the premier.

President Clinton fared better than the leader of the Jewish state. In the photograph of him lighting in the White House (he even played dreidl with Jewish kids on his Oval Office desk), Clinton started on the correct side of the hamiltiye.

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haredim take the credit. It's evi-

erful force. The haredim, however, refuse to grant that modern, liberal secularism is a legitimate ideology, one adhered to not out of ignorance but because people

lives for each other's sake.

# **Bit Player**

# What Has the Computer Done for Us Lately?

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

T the end of the 19th century, railroads and electric motors were expected to transform America, making a young industrial economy far more productive than any seen before. And they did. At the end of the 20th century, computers were supposed to perform the same miracle.

They haven't.

Computers do wonderful things.
But in purely economic terms, their contribution has been less than a transforming force: they have failed to bring back the strong growth that characterized so many decades of the American Century. By that standard, they have been a disappointment.

"It is a pipe dream to think that computers will lead us back to a promised land," said Alan Krueger, a Princeton University economist. The issue is productivity. Those

# America is all wired up — and still awaiting that big surge in productivity.

who look to computers for economic miracles, and there are many, insist that measuring their contribution only in dollars misses the less tangible improvement in quality that computers have made possible. But quality is often in the eyes of the beholders rather than in their wallets.

Through decades of invention and change, productivity has been measured as the amount of "output," in dollars, that comes from an hour of 'labor. A worker who makes 100 penticles in an hour, each valued at 50 cents, produces \$50 of output. And the more output from each of the nation's workers, the greater the national wealth.

or, put more broadly, productivity is the amount of output in dollars that comes from various "inputs," not only a worker's labor, but the tools he or she uses to carry out that labor: a machine or a computer or a wrench or an air conditioner that makes work more comfortable in summer. People work faster or concentrate better, and that shows up quickly in tangible output.

By this definition, the output resulting from the computer revolution of the last 25 years has been disappointing. Computers have, of course, contributed to productivity and eco-



A technological miracle was the Ferranti Pegasus computer, designed in Britain in the 1950's for operation from the office desktop. The world still awaits an economic miracle.

nomic growth. But that contribution has failed to register in Government statistics as the kind of robust catalyst that made the 1950's and 1960's

such prosperous years.

If computers have fallen short of expectations, that would help explain an apparent paradox that has puzzled economists and policy makers for two decades: how rapid technological progress and a booming stock market took place during a period of

sluggish economic performance — sluggish, that is, relative to earlier

One possibility is that the statistics are wrong. A panel of economists came to this conclusion in a report to Congress last week, suggesting that growth has actually been quite robust but that this fact has been obscured by overstating the amount of output lost to inflation. This happened, the panel hinted, partly be-

cause the beneficial economic role of computers was not correctly taken into account. Some price increases that registered as inflation should really have registered as increases in output from computers.

#### Like Light Bulbs

But there is another explanation. Perhaps the computer is one of those inventions, like the light bulb early in the century, that makes life much better without adding as much to tangible national wealth as appearances might suggest. That is because, while the light bulb allowed factories to operate night shifts and students to study more easily, the measurable result was less impressive than the great improvement in the quality of life that the electric light bulb made

ossiole. Given the computer's ubiquity and convenience, should the calculation of productivity and wealth be changed to give more dollar value to the conveniences the computer has wrought?

That kind of recalculation has not been done over generations of technological change, largely because convenience is too hard to quantify and translate into dollars. Too often, con-

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Fighting International Crime

# The Striped-Pants Crowd Gets Gumshoes

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

WASHINGTON

EW YORK CITY'S Police Commissioner, Howard Safir, stepped into a diplomatic mess last month when he went to the Dominican Republic with a plan to station a few of the city's police officers in Santo Domingo. The very idea stirred the fury of Dominican nationalism and fears of Yankee imperialism. The nation's new President, Leonel Fernández Reyna, took to ridiculing it. And the modest plan to try to staunch the flow of drugs and fugitives between the island nation and Upper Manhattan appeared to

wither in a diplomatic tempest.

The row, however, obscured an increasingly funda-

mental fact of American life and law enforcement:

Like almost everything else in the global village, the fight against crime is increasingly international. And that has raised new concerns not only for the United States' law enforcement officials — from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Central Intelligence

Agency — but also for its diplomats.

No longer simply an overseas matter for the long arm of American justice, international crime is increasingly seen as a threat to national security itself, requiring the energy and resources of virtually every agency

of the Government.

International crime is not new, but the end of the cold war and the subsequent opening of societies have



Vyacheslav K. Ivankov, a Russian émigré convicted last year of extortion, in custody in New York in 1995.

led to a vast increase in crimes that transcend borders.
The growing freedom of travel and the explosion in technology — computers, cellular phones, beepers, faxes — have made criminals more nimble and brazen.

And the nature of their crimes has changed. They are no longer limited to drugs, terrorism and the occasional flight from justice. Increasingly there's money laundering, kidnapping, smuggling, credit card scams, even auto theft.

In addition, the United States seems far more willing to confront international crime — not quite the same attitude as in the days when a drug smuggler could be useful in operations against the Communists.

In other words, the sudden lack of a sense of mortal peril leaves America free to focus its high dudgeon on organized crime cells in Russia — cells that got their start in the black markets of the Soviet Union and have since spawned complex criminal enterprises of fraud and extortion, often reaching into the United States. Or to focus on groups in Latin America and Nigeria that once trafficked mostly in drugs and now also commit white-collar crimes involving high finance.

For the new foreign policy team announced by President Clinton last week — Madeleine K. Albright as Secretary of State, William S. Cohen as Secretary of Defense, Anthony Lake as Director of Central Intelligence and Samuel R. Berger as national security adviser — international crime is very likely to become an

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# **Ideas & Trends**

# Reading at 55 Miles Per Hour

By ADAM BRYANT

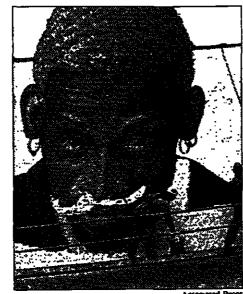
DD this to the list of things dangerous to your health: verbose signs. That at least was the message of a jury in Dallas that recently penalized American Airlines \$20 million for its five-story-high electronic signs near the airport. It seems that one of those signs full of gate and flight information may have been the culprit in a rear-end collision at the airport in December 1993. Two passengers in the ramming car were hurt, and sued the airline, claiming their driver was distracted by the signs. The jury decided that American Airlines had brushed off warnings from traffic experts that the signs were indeed a hazard.

Everyone knows that signs can be annoying: a New York lawyer was so angry about a neon sign installed above his second-story window by the takeout chicken franchise downstairs that he hung a "BAD FOOD" sign in his window. (The case inspired a recent episode of "Seinfeld.") But can signs actually be dangerous?

Ask the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Officials there, considering whether to put up billboards of their own and rent out the space to advertisers, researched the dangers of billboards.

#### The Cost of Looking

One report said some studies had indeed found a link between billboards and "distraction induced" accidents. It also cited a California study that found the average accident rates were 41 percent greater when billboards were around. (Of course, advertisers tend to prefer billboards in heavy-traffic



The face that stopped a thousand cars.

areas, which might explain the accident

Other research, however, found no link whatsoever. And that was the guidance the New Jersey Turnpike Authority chose to follow. In June, the authority voted to put up billboards for advertisements, which will bring in about \$1 million a year.

Where does that leave giant roadside tele-

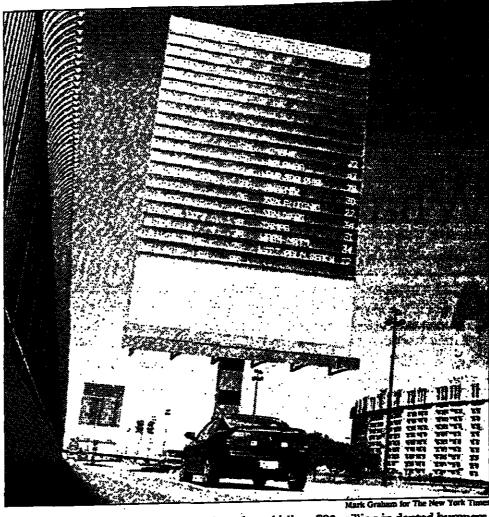
In 1990, when Sony put up the Jumbotron in Times Square, the New York City Department of Transportation fretted about safety. The department sent traffic engineers to study whether the screen - which on occaRoadside billboards don't have to say, 'Yo! Look up!' to cause trouble on the ground.

sion demanded attention by flashing "Yo! Look up!" - was affecting the flow of cars. But apparently, traffic in Times Square was just as horrible before the screen went up. Sony said it has not been sued for causing

Chicago has done its own informal study. In March, a clothing store painted a threestory high likeness of Dennis Rodman, the larger-than-life basketball star of the Chicago Bulls, on the side of a warehouse along an expressway near downtown. At the time, Mr. Rodman was very much in the news he had just been suspended for butting an official with his brightly colored head. So, the mural grabbed the attention of more than a

All the "gapers and gawkers," as Chicago's transportation officials called them, caused traffic to slow to a halt, as they checked out Mr. Rodman in a sleeveless suit, exposing his tattooed arms. Some drivers pulled over to take pictures. Others just kept driving — right into the cars in front of them.

Gene Silverberg, the chief executive of the clothing retailer that sponsored the portrait, decided that the giant Rodman had to go. "If someone had gotten hurt, the joke would have worn thin," he said.



The long-winded billboard that cost American Airlines \$20 million in dented bumpers.

Mr. Rodman didn't like the verdict. "I think they should leave it up," he said at the time. "It's not the fault of the people who put it up, it's the people who are driving."

In Dallas, some evidence points elsewhere. Police records show that 30 accidents over three years have been attributed to American Airlines's giant signs, and a 1994 study suggested that it takes the average person 3 to 10 seconds to digest the sign's information.

Still, the airline is angry about the verdict on its electronic signs, grumbling that the car accident was nothing more than a garden-variety rear-end collision. Nonetheless, it unplugged the signs on Friday while it appealed the verdict. Now American Airlines passengers in Dallas can get their gate information over the phone. The question is: who will be blamed for fender benders caused by late travelers dialing their car phones?



National standards in Japan include rote learning and entrance tests. An English class in Tokyo, above.

**Building Better Schools** 

# One Size Doesn't Fit

By PETER APPLEBOME

almost any other country in the world, the announcement would have caused yawns. But when New York City's Schools Chancellor, Rudy Crew, proposed last week that local schools adopt voluntary, privately developed national education standards, he was touching on one of the great fault lines of American learning: the divisive issue of how to create standards and assessments that foster national excellence in a country utterly committed to decentralized and locally controlled schooling.

#### **Applied Learning**

His proposal that the city adopt the recent guidelines developed by the New Standards project in Washington for math, English, science and "applied learning" - writing and math skills useful in the business world - might be evidence of some slow, creeping acceptance of the idea that America needs some agreed-upon rules for what schoolchildren should learn.

But Mr. Crew's gambit also comes at a time when the notion of standards and assessments of any kind flies in the face of the local nature of American education and of fierce anti-Washington currents in the land. Most experts say that, for now, the forces working against any form of national standards are stronger than those pushing for them.

"Talk about political correctness;" said Bruce Alberts, president of the National Academy of Sciences. "This is political correctness, the way that everybody's so afraid to talk about anything national in education. Everyone is still afraid of saying the truth: that we'll get nowhere as a nation until we make use of all our resources and that there are some things all students should know regardless of what state they live in."

Pulling in one direction is a recognition that without higher standards America's educational performance is likely to continue faltering, as seen last month in the middle-of-the-pack performance by middle-school American children on international math and science tests. Mr. Alberts says those results are a perfect example of why this country needs to think seriously about standards of the kind adopted by most countries and nearly all those that scored best on the math and science comparisons like Singapore, Japan and Korea.

Pulling in the opposite direction is this country's history of education as a local enterprise and the anti-Washington mood that makes even the hint of a nationally standardized test or curriculum politically a loser. What emerges is an odd dance of trying to establish guides that would lift national achievement without ceding an iota of local control.

"It's obvious that national standards or a national test is not going to do it," said Gov. Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, co-chairperson of Achieve, the organization that grew out of the 1996 Education Summit held in Palisades, N.Y., to foster high standards. "People are going to rebel against any national standard, and it won't work. And politically it's just a nonstarter. The standards are going to have to come from the states." Achieve has raised \$5 million to act as a clearinghouse for state and local school districts on standards and assessments.

But Marc Tucker, co-director of New Standards, said that more telling than the political winds blowing against national standards is the consensus that has emerged about the need for standards and the recognition that it makes no sense for each state to invent the

"What makes New York so significant," Mr. Tucker said, "is that Rudy Crew got up and became the first person in authority to say what our jurisdiction needs is

Americans say they want national educational standards, like Japan's, to improve pupil achievement. Don't believe it.

national standards: we'll modify and adapt them as we see fit, but they ought to be national standards. It reflects the degree to which the debate on standards

For now Achieve represents the political compromise, a national organization with no Federal role and no ability to mandate anything.

Advocates of standards, however, hope that states will in the end adopt standards on their own and that Texas students will learn most of the same things as Oregon students.

Still, the process remains so tenuous that Mr. Thompson of Wisconsin did not hesitate when asked what qualities he wanted in the person now sought to run the organization.

"We're looking for a cross between Jesus Christ and Colin Powell and Moses and Solomon," he said.

# What Has the Computer Done for America Lately?

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venience increases consumption more than production. With computers, "most of the recent use has been on the consumption side," said Zvi Griliches, a Harvard economist. "The time you waste surfing the Internet is not an

Others take a broader view. Children using home computers for schoolwork - gathering data from the Internet, for example - become better students, they say. In time, that will translate into rising workplace skills and greater measurable output. But it hasn't yet, and standard practice dictates that the nation wait until it shows up in the numbers before proclaiming the computer's great contribution to productivity.

People have high expectations of this happening overnight," said Nathan Rosenberg, an economic historian at Stanford University. "Computers are a major innovation, but absorbing so great an innovation involves many changes in work practices and behavior."

#### **Useless Power**

Right now, much of a personal computer's power goes untapped, or is employed in low-output tasks like sending and sorting through junk E-mail, compiling electronic Rolodexes and playing solitaire in the office. Harnessing a computer's spectacular ability to deliver. and manipulate information is not easy. Edward McKelvey, a senior economist at Goldman Sachs, offers a hypothetical illustration:

A consultant who charged \$50 an hour 10 years ago to forecast trends in the economy now has a powerful desktop computer at his fingertips, feeding him information that in theory should make his forecasts more accurate. But he still charges clients \$50 an hour because the forecasts, despite the computer, are not more accurate. Perhaps the consultant might never get that good at forecasting, even with a computer, or perhaps he will become so adept at extracting data from its depths that his forecasts will begin to hit the bull's eye. And that



The American original, the vacuum-tubed Enjac.

Instead of more efficient production, the office of the 1990's has junk E-mail and electronic solitaire.

accuracy would allow him to raise his hourly fee, or 'output," to \$70 an hour, a handsome improvement in his

There are other problems. The automated teller machine, for example, illustrates how measurable prodiscrivity has falled to respond fully ment. A half-dozen machines installed in a bank's lobby permit the bank to cut its teller staff by half. That is clearly measurable productivity. The bank's income, or output, from bank transactions remains unchanged, but the input in teller hours goes down. The idled tellers can shift to other income-producing activities, perhaps becoming loan officers.

To make the productivity rate continue rising, however, the bank must continue cutting teller hours as it installs more A.T.M.'s. Instead, the next machines go to a dozen outlying neighborhoods, so that customers can bank at odd hours, almost at their doorsteps, or verify the balances in their checking accounts, something they did not bother to do very often before A.T.M.'s. That is convenience. Most banks don't charge extra fees for this convenience. If they had no neighborhood A.T.M.'s, then customers would have found themselves forced to use the machines already installed in the lobbies of their banks.

"The question is, how much would you have been willing to pay in fees for the convenience of having that neighborhood A.T.M. if the banks refused to furnish them otherwise?" said Erich Brynjolfsson, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Business. "That would then enter into measurable out-

Through a survey, Mr. Brynjolfsson tried to calculate what additional amounts Americans would pay for hundreds of conveniences that computers make possible. He came up with a total of \$70 billion in additional output. That would add only one-tenth of one percent to the national wealth, which is the value of all the goods and services produced in the United States in a year - hardly enough to get economic growth back to the rates (at least 3 percent a year) that were characteristic of the 1959's

#### A Little Help

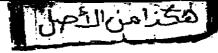
Still, computers and software in all their various forms make an important contribution. The national wealth — also known as the gross domestic product has risen at an annual rate of less than 2.5 percent, on average, in recent years. That includes a contribution of roughly four-tenths of a percentage point from computers and their trappings, according to the calculations of two Federal Reserve economists, Stephen D. Oliner and Daniel E. Sichel. Manufacturing and the telecommunications industry have benefited especially from computer-

But why haven't computers lifted the overall economy the rest of the way back to 3 percent growth? One reason is that they represent only 2 percent of the nation's capital stock, which is all the existing machinery, equipment, factories and buildings that business uses to produce goods and services.

By comparison, railroads in their heyday represented more than 12 percent. And they became the tool for opening up frontier lands to agriculture, and to new cities and industries. At the same time, electric motors, replacing steam, gave the nation a much more flexible and efficient source of power, and made possible the assembly line. The output resulting from railroads and electric motors became enormous.

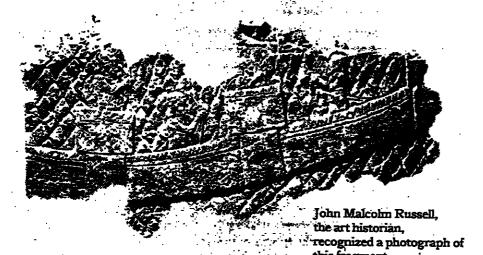
Perhaps there is some set of conditions, having no direct connection to computers, that must develop before American productivity and economic growth can return to the old levels - conditions like greater demand for the potential output from computers, or hegemony again in the global economy.

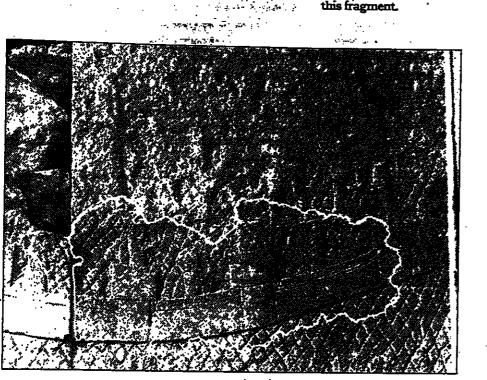
Or perhaps, as some economists say. lower our expectations.



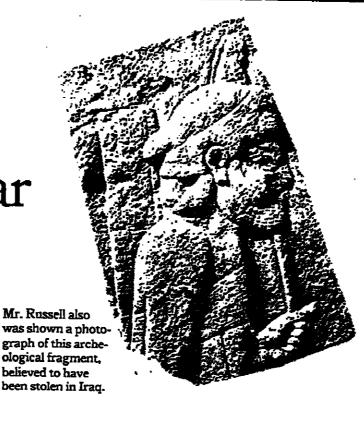
# The World

# Ancient, Priceless And Gone With the War



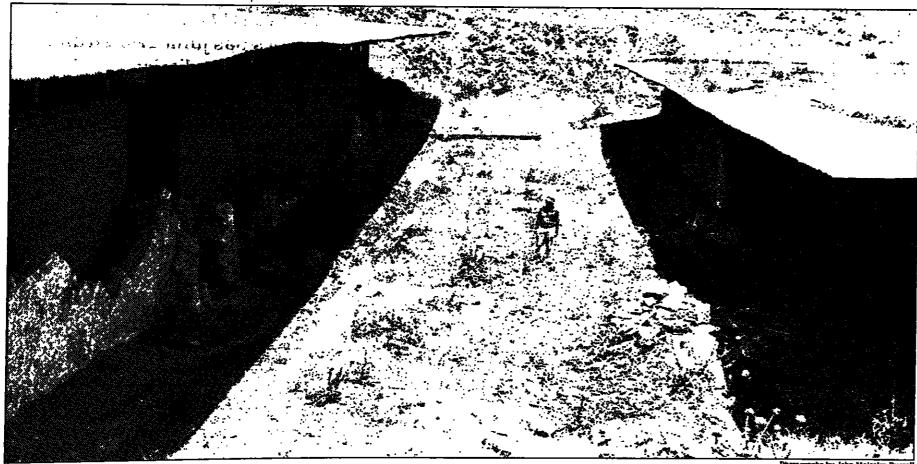


The fragment, top, outlined on a 1990 photograph of detail from a sculpted slab.





A huge alabaster relief, with the fragment, top, outlined.



The archeological museum in Iraq that contained Assyrian carvings from the palace of Sennacherib, in 1990. The carvings were vandalized after the gulf war.

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

■ HE story begins about 27 centuries ago, when Sennacherib, King of Assyria, the greatest empire the world had known, failed to conquer Jerusalem in 701 B.C.

"And that night, the angel of the Lord went forth and slew 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians," the Bible says in II Kings 19. "Then Sennacherib, King of Assyria, went home, and dwelt at Nineveh."

It wasn't his last defeat. Not by 2,697 years. Last month John Malcolm Russell, a Columbia University art historian who is one of the world's leading experts on Sennacherib's palace at Nineveh, got some wrenching news. An unknown seller was offering 10 pieces of art from ancient Mesopotamia; which is now southern Iraq. A lawyer for a prospective buyer, photos in hand, wanted to know: Did Mr. Russell think they might have been stolen?

"I knew right away where they were from," Mr. Russell said last week. The pictures were of fragments from magnificent alabaster reliefs that had lined the walls of the palace at least until 1990, when Mr. Russell photographed them on his last trip before the 1991 Persian Gulf war. Among those reliefs, part of an archeological site museum near the city of Mosul, were carvings telling the Assyrian side of the Jerusalem campaign. Sennacherib's version was that the Israelites

had paid tribute and he left. But much has happened since this century's war in the Persian Gulf. International sanctions have impoverished the Iraqis, many of whom have sold family heirlooms for food. Today the country's archeological

treasures are also up for sale. The life and times of one of the world's greatest and oldest civilizations had been carved on massive stone slabs up to eight feet square. The photographs Mr. Russell saw were of fragments about a square foot in

size hacked from those slabs. "It only dawned on me a few hours later that what this meant was that there was a pile of broken stone left behind," he said, "that what we had here was not just an

act of vandalism and looting but a conservation emergency of the first magnitude.'

Mr. Russell, author of "Sennacherib's Palace: Without Rival at Nineveh" (University of Chicago, 1991), says the exact extent of the damage is unknown. "I don't know if these are the only 10 pieces on the market. I'd be surprised. Ten sculptures from Sennacherib's palace is an unheard of number to appear on the market at once. When something appears in quantity like that, you've got to ask yourself, how can this be?' And who did it?

Mr. Russell has been called in as art sleuth before. Twice in 1995, a European museum asked his opinion on works believed to have been stolen from Iraq. In 1992 he and Julian Reade of the British Museum found a four-

#### An unintended casualty of the gulf war has been Iraq's archeological wonders.

foot-by-six-foot Assyrian stone carving behind a thick coat of paint in the commissary of a boys' boarding school in Canford, England. The school sold it for \$12 million in 1994 to the Shumei Family Collection in Japan.

The story of the Canford sculpture and the connoisseurship of Lady Charlotte, a wealthy Victorian who built a pavilion for it and other Assyrian treasures, became another book by Mr. Russell, "From Nineveh to New York," to be published by Yale University Press in February. New York City's Metropolitan Museum

houses some of the collection. Lady Charlotte was a cousin of Sir Austen Henry Layard, who excavated Sennacherib's palace in 1847 as well as other sites on commission from the British Museum. The carving recalling the confrontation at Jerusalem struck a chord in England during a period of religious doubt and scriptural revisionism. Fundamen-talists seized on these "proofs."

Many poor countries with rich archeological sites cannot afford to safeguard them, and are vulnerable to smugglers. By almost all accounts, though, Iraq - even under Saddam Hussein - took good care of its rediscovered antiquities through most of this century. The sanctions against it have kept archeologists and art historians from the sites, and difficulties felt by Iraqis have made the country's centuries-old ruins prey to thieves, with or without the connivance of local officials. Most archeologists and diplomats believe that there is no high-level involvement in these thefts.

'Given the economic hardships that people are under, obviously there are many who resort to criminal acts to try to make some money," said Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's representative at the United Nations. "There are a thousand sites that need to be guarded and provided with security. It is difficult for the antiquities establishment in Baghdad to find those resources."

Mr. Russell said that he thinks people who steal and sell items are paid a pittance, and that pieces small enough to be carted away on donkeys or in backpacks slip easily into Iran, Syria or Jordan. Once on the market, they change hands for thousands of dollars. often tens of thousands.

UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, has been denied permission to photograph and catalogue Iraqi sites by the Security Council Sanctions Committee. American diplomats said photographic equipment was denied entry because it was considered nonessential goods.

Mr. Russell, who alerted the United States Customs Service, Scotland Yard and arts organizations, hopes prospective buyers of Assyrian art will refuse pieces of uncertain origin, dampening the trade. "Iraq was a country that cherished its heritage and had an excellent antiquities department that carried on its work right through the miserable Iran-Iraq war," he said. "It's only with sanctions and the breakdown of the middle class - as groups of desperate people do desperate things - that we have a breakdown in the national will or pride in that heritage. This is fostered by desperation. It could happen anywhere."

# From Paris With Love: Raspberries

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

RANCE'S closest friend through the years has probably been the United States, the ally the French most love to hate. President Jacques Chirac considers himself an Americanophile, but in France this term is relative. Like de Gaulle, Mr. Chirac has been poking the United States in the eye lately, making trouble for plans to reorganize the NATO alliance, among other things.

Why? When everything is going as badly as it has been lately for Mr. Chirac and his Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, the overbearing Americans are a handy diversionary target. The two French leaders are burdened with grave problems, ranging from the possible resurgence of Algerian-related terrorism to a stubborn unemployment rate — 12.6 percent — and their popularity ratings are at record lows.

Blaming German monetary conservatism is tempting but risky; the French simply can't afford to alienate the Germans. But the big, clumsy, affable Americans are used to tongue-lashings from the French, and so have become their favorite target.

Treat your friends the way you would if they were going to become your enemies one day," the French statesman Cardinal Jules Mazarin wrote to himself in the 17th century. More recently, de Gaulle railed against American domination and pulled the French military out of NATO's integrated command structure. Now it is Mr. Chirac's turn.

A year ago, Mr. Chirac said he wanted France back in NATO's command structure, but now he says that can't happen because of America's refusal to consider ceding an important NATO command in Naples to European control (never mind that the biggest military asset of the Naples command, by far, is the mighty American Sixth Fleet). The French demand, coming on the heels of their failed effort to stop the United States from dumping Boutros Bou-

#### Think about it. Who can you most safely insult? Your old friends. Mais oui.

tros-Ghali as United Nations Secretary General, has snagged the reorganization plan and the NATO foreign ministers will be unable to give it final approval when they meet in Brussels this week.

Is this inept? Not to the French-Railing at American big business, protesting when McDonald's tries to infiltrate chic Parisian neighborhoods, and challenging American domination make up a popular national pastime, and popularity is one thing Mr. Chirac and Mr. Juppé badly need these days.

The source of most of the unhappiness is popular frustration with the high unemployment. Yet Mr. Chirac and his Prime Minister insist that there is no choice but to keep reining in spending to qualify France under the stringent rules - rules that Germany insists upon - for the common European currency that is planned for the end of the decade.

How to make that grinch-that-stole-Christmas policy popular? Try this, from Mr. Chirac: "We need a currency that is strong and powerful that would allow us to resist aberrant fluctuations in the dollar." French politicians of every ideology think the

Clinton Administration has been deliberately keeping the dollar weak. This, in their view, is how American companies like Boeing can underbid European companies like Airbus Industrie on world markets.

Educated to admire state interventionism since Jean-Baptiste Colbert ran the country under Louis XIV, the French are convinced that governments, not markets, set the value of currencies, and that official American pronouncements have more of a role in weakening the dollar than America's huge trade deficits do. That American Treasury Secretaries and Federal Reserve bankers keep saying they're for a strong dollar just seems to the French like cynical manipulation.

In France nothing is ever what it seems on the surface, so the French, using good Cartesian logic, think it can't be anywhere else, either.

And blaming the United States for their troubles is becoming more popular with the French, only 35 percent of whom, according to a recent Sofres poll for Le Monde and the RTL television network, like America these days, while 46 percent actively dislike it. Eight years ago, 54 percent expressed varying degrees of sympathy with the United States, compared with 38 percent who felt antipathy.

Ask the French these days what they associate with the United States and 59 percent of them say "violence," 57 percent say "power," 45 percent say "social inequalities" and 39 percent say "racism."

#### The Indispensable American

Perhaps it's because they see so many American movies that they feel this way. The French flock to see American films in preference to their own, which the Government subsidizes in order to keep French cinema from being completely suffocated by Hollywood; November's runaway film favorites in Paris were "Independence Day" and "Mission Impossible," paeans to the invincible and omnipresent American (or at least, in "Mission Impossible," to Tom Cruise).

Repressed envy may be another reason why the French like Americans less these days. They certainly don't like to hear American politicians and economic experts tell them that the lower American minimum wage and a labor market that leaves employers freer to hire and fire are the main reasons the United States has created 8 million new jobs in the past four years and France has created none.

(This year, French truck drivers tied highways in knots until they won higher pay and the right to retire

at age 55 instead of 60.) De Gaulle used to say that France could fulfill its destiny for greatness by creating a united Europe, an idea that for him and for his successors has always been associated with challenging the United States.

When the European common currency that is causing such trouble here comes, Mr. Chirac says, "Europe will be the most important economic power in the world, at least for some time, and of course that

would worry certain people here and there." He named no names. But we know who we are.

# The World

# Germans Find Order Is Just Their Speed

By ALAN COWELL

EEP in the bureaucracy, Frau Ratte lurks. Frau Ratte - the name translates literaly as Mrs. Rat — is a Bonn city official charged with sending out fines to motorists who run afoul of radar speed traps. Frau Ratte is a punctilious person. Her preprinted form will tell you that the speed limit on such-and-such a road was 30 kilometers per hour, while you were traveling at 39 k.p.h., 5 k.p.h. above the nominal grace speed of 34 k.p.h. Therefore, Frau Ratte informs you, you owe the city \$20.

doubt ask, how can this be? Is this not the land of the Autobahn, where the BMW's and Mercedes hurtle at slightly less than the

But wait, many people outside Germany will no

Floor it on the Autobahn if you like, but elsewhere Frau Ratte may get you.

speed of sound with nary a cop to slow them? How, then, can Frau Ratte be quibbling over speed limits of such pathetic, subsonic levels as 20 miles an hour?

The answer cuts to the quick of that elusive entity that historians, sociologists, authors and artists have been seeking to define for centuries: the German soul.

Yes, speed - and the right to it - is enshrined in the fact that even though there are local restrictions, like there are anywhere else, there is no nationwide, binding speed limit on the ribbons of highway that have latticed the country since Hitler sought to motorize the land. But just as embedded in Germany's way of doing

things — as Frau Ratte's very existence attests — is the notion of Ordnung, that quintessential sense of order in all things that permits the broader, social interest to override the individual urge.

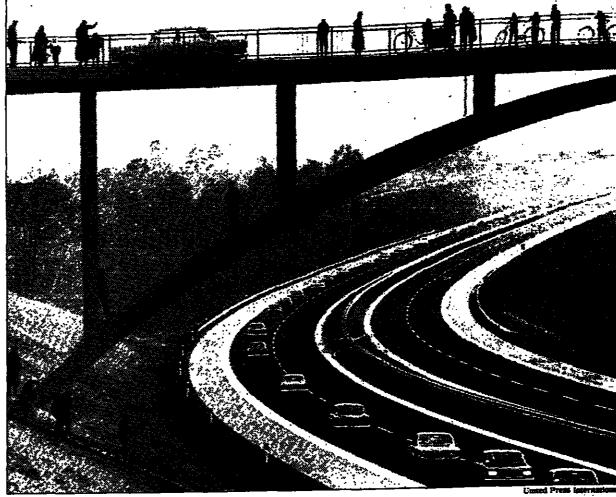
Just the other day the mass-circulation Bild Zeitung reported a fascinating statistic: the way Germans behave towards each other and their surroundings in public - at the office, in the car, at work and at play - is covered by 4,874 laws, 84,900 regulations and 32,000 regulatory standards. There's Ordnung for you.

And between these two poles hovers the German soul, drawn to one, restrained by the other, forever torn. Fanciful? Not really. Consider, for example a classic poem in the German language - "The Roman Fountain," by the Swiss poet Conrad Ferdinand Meyer. Here the poet is fascinated by the juxtaposition of movement and tranquility, the flowing water held in stasis by the structure of the fountain. Surely, here is the forerunner to the owner of a new Audi and Frau Ratte, the one in motion, the other intent on control.

And what about that very icon of German literature - Goethe's "Faust"? What else was Faust doing when he made his pact with Mephistopheles except securing a lifelong lease on the fast lane? And, even though he did not finally claim Faust's soul, what else was Mephistopheles doing when he called in the debt but enforcing the basic tenet of Ordnung - notably that unchecked individualism carries the ultimate price?

This is where the metaphor acquires Angst. For if the enforcer of Ordnung is cast in satanic terms - to wit, Mephistopheles or, indeed, Frau Ratte - how come people here seem to like their Ordnung so much? How come people waiting to cross roads at pedestrian stop lights will tut-tut at those who cross on red, as if there were a little of the Frau Ratte in all of us, as if order could not be true order unless universally enforced?

Could it be that people yearn for structures like the Roman fountain to hold in check the perilous flows that might otherwise run amok? That might sound apocalyptic were it not for the fact that the 20th century is scarred by the flood damage of two world wars. Indeed, Chancellor Helmut Kohl says that without European



Germans like the liberating Autobahn (shown in its infancy in the 1960's) but also the straight and narrow.

unity to bind Germany to its neighbors in a common destiny, a fractured continent will face the same choice of war and peace in the 21st century.

#### The Fast Lane

No one likes a stereotype, of course, especially not on such perilous turf as this.

Think, for instance, of Germans whose individual flair transports them to heights of gentus - Boris Becker, say, or even Mr. Kohl, with his improbable lightning footwork to reunify Germany in 1990. Think of authors like Günther Grass or film-makers like Wim Wenders. Or warriors like Erwin Rommel, who turned

How do they - the composers and conductors, the poets and playwrights - fit into this picture of Angst, unless as exemplars of the fast lane in which all is possible? After all, the possibility of the individual is what high-speed motoring is all about in Germany. It is no coincidence that the BMW advertisements stress the notion of car as the vehicle, as it were, of personal fulfillment. Once the local speed limits, the roadwork and the traffic congestion have fallen away, what immense satisfaction accrues from watching the speedometer needle edge toward the magic 200 kilometers per hour line (125 m.p.h.), in cars that are designed precisely for this kind of release

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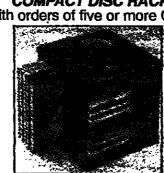
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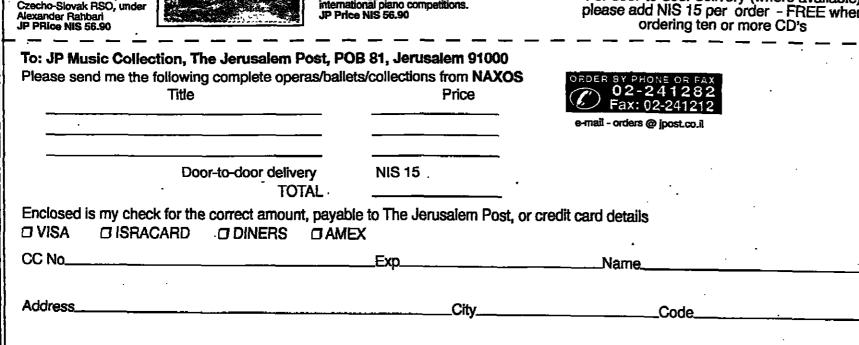
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issue with a priority right alongside nuclear proliferation or ethnic conflict. The problems of crime and nuclear proliferation could well merge, for that matter, if Russian gangsters start selling nuclear material.

International crime is "one of the most threatening aspects at the end of the century," said Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, the National Drug Policy Director.

The threat is particularly acute for many emerging this alarming. These nations lack the laws or judicial systems to cope with the problem, and police officers are often ill-trained, ill-equipped and corrupted.

The threat to countries now is less from the right or the left, but from international crime," said Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. "And it's more insidious, more subversive in many ways because criminal groups are undermining democratic states."

Not just elections, either. Business, too. This Administration has portrayed international markets as the key to the future not only of America's economy, but of world peace as well. In this view, if Western investors are scared off by a gangster environment in some struggling new democracy, the whole world loses.

As a result, President Clinton has made the fight against international crime a larger part of his foreign policy, highlighting it during his speech at the 50th anniversary of the United Nations last year.

Three years ago the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics became the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs - more than just a name change. At a time when the department's other divisions have strained under dwindling resources, the expanded bureau's have doubled in two years, to \$213 million.

The Central Intelligence Agency, in part seeking justifications for its existence after the fall of the Soviet bloc, has put new effort into gathering intelligence about criminal organizations. The F.B.I. opened an academy in Budapest last year to train officers from Eastern Europe and Russia, and the State Department hopes to see others open in Latin American and Southeast Asia.

The F.B.I. has also proposed expanding the number of agents stationed at embassies around the world - to 195 in 46 countries, from 124 in 27 countries now.

Of course, the growing desire of American law enforcement to extend its reach has raised delicate diplomatic issues, since few things touch a nation's sovereignty as closely as matters of law enforcement. That was the case with Mr. Safir's foray into the Dominican Republican, where the American military intervention in 1965 remains in the national conscious-

#### Resistance

Other nations have been resistant too, but with awareness of the crime problem growing, many have become less hostile. The State Department has also started helping countries like South Africa and Mexico to enforce and even draft laws to fight crimes like money laundering and financial fraud. In addition, the Administration plans to tighten extradition treaties and expand laws that give Federal agencies jurisdiction in crimes against Americans overseas, like the murder of an American businessman in Moscow last month.

The increased efforts have also created inevitable tensions between the United States' law enforcement agencies and its foreign service. The F.B.L., for example, is prohibited from disclosing wiretaps of foreign government officials, but State Department officials insist that the existence of any such wiretap is just the sort of thing its ambassadors must know about.

On the other hand, there is a growing realization that this kind of tension is destructive. "You can't have the F.B.I. saying, 'Forget the striped-pants stuff,' and going in, guns blazing," said one official. So the various agencles appear to be trying to work through the tensions, setting up rules for how to share information. It is the kind of thing bickering agencies do whe

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they start to take a threat seriously.

# Leslie H. Wexner: Merlin of the Mall Seeks New Magic

ECONOMY

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER and EDWARD WYATT

COLUMBUS, Onio HE real problem, Leslie H. Wexner says, is other peo-

Whenever the women's apparei business has slipped at his \$8 billion company, the Limited Inc., he has devised the right fixes, he says. It's his subordinates the merchants who bought the goods that ended up gathering dust on the shelves of the Limited, Express and Victoria's Secret stores —

who have failed to come through. Then there are the mall developers. They became "mindless about the tenant mix" in the 1990's, took the fun out of shopping by building cookie-cutter sites and dragged down the Limited and other retail-

It is the men and women of Wall Street, Mr. Wexner says with unbridled scorn, who failed to appreciate the true value of the Limited, without a doubt the dominant specialty retailer in the American mall.

Nevertheless, Mr. Wexner says he now has a grand plan to satisfy investors and to turn around the business, whose stock has disappointed shareholders for much of the last four years as sales growth has slowed and profits have fallen.

Under the guidance of a Harvard Business School professor, he is moving to centralize certain functions, ranging from financial management to clothing design teams that can churn out hot fashions to draw women into the stores.

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he is using the Limited's resources to design a 1,200-acre retail, entertainment and business complex in Columbus, a project that he says will serve as a model for retailing development in this country - if not the

And while he does not pretend to understand Wall Street, he predicts that recent moves, including the public stock offering of two subsidiaries, will soon add billions to the company's market value.

"The turnaround in the company probably came last spring," Mr. Wexner said with characteristic bravado in a recent interview at the headquarters here. As evidence, he predicted that fourth-quarter profits would rise by close to 50 percent, far above the expectations of Wall Street, which is familiar with his habit of making rosy projections only to disappoint come earnings

Even if he engineers better shortterm. profits, however, bigger changes will not come easily. The corporate culture that pumped life into the Limited in the 1980's has eroded as the company has evolved from a cool fashion leader to a lumbering conglomerate. Left behind are burned-out merchants and only the remnants of an intangible mystique that drew young talent from New York to the Midwest, .

And Mr. Wexner, whose flair for fashion and merchandising fueled the Limited's meteoric rise, remains an entrepreneur at heart, endlessly delving into new retail concepts, the latest being a sporting goods superstore. Perhaps because of that temperament, he has consistently failed

units - Limited, Express, Lane Bryant and Lerner New York - that together contribute more than half of the company's sales but less than 10 percent of its profits.

A further distraction seems to be his concern with his legacy. In Columbus, Mr. Wexner is a vernable second mayor, shepherding cultural projects downtown while using his personal riches (his Limited stock alone is worth \$1.25 billion) to develop an exclusive residential enclave nearby.

Mr. Wexner's habit of flitting from one project to another, while always asserting that the Limited's struggling core business was on the mend, has frustrated some big shareholders. "I have made up my mind that in the next couple months, we are going to be gone," said Marina Carlson, a mutual fund manager at Strong Capital Management, which earlier this year owned nearly a million Limited shares. "If they could get their act together, this could be a good stock. But in typical Limited fashion, they came out with lowered expectations again this quarter. It is just amazing to me."

Wall Street's confusion is evident in the valuations it places on the company's three publicly traded stocks. The parent, the Limited Inc., owns about 82 percent each of Abercrombie & Fitch and Intimate Brands, which includes Victoria's Secret. Those stakes are worth a combined \$29 a share to Limited investors. But the parent company's stock is trading at just \$18.25, up a slight 7 percent since the beginning of 1994. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's retail stock index has gained 22 percent and the S.& P. 500 has risen 61 percent.

Undoubtedly, Leslie Wexner is one of the great merchant princes of the late 20th century. Starting with a single store and \$5,000 in 1963, he updated the business of selling clothing to women by offering them fashionable separates for particular life styles, like Shaker knit sweaters that evoked the Italian countryside and preppy shirts that were theoretically great for a day in the Australian

Investors who recognized the concepts' potential in the early 1980's watched the company open new stores and start new divisions like Express, All the while, their Limited stock appreciated from less than \$1 a share, adjusted for splits, to a high of nearly \$33 in 1992. But the stock has not traded above \$25 since early

from modest shopkeeper to billionaire evokes unreserved admiration from those who watched it. "He's like a wizard" said Norma LaMoreaux, a longtime Columbus resident who first met Mr. Wexner in the early 1960's. "One never knows what he's thinking but he weaves these grand plans and then suddenly everything falls into place.'

Few outside the hard-core mall crawlers have any idea of the breadth of the Limited's retail portfolio, which offers a theme store for nearly every occasion. In addition to Limited and Express, the women's shops present in nearly every big mall in the country, the company operates Lerner New York, which sells discount sportswear, and Lane Bryant, a specialist in large sizes.

Usually nearby in the mall is Structure, a young men's shop, and, in fewer spots, Abercrombie & Fitch, for latter-day preppies of both sexes with a penchant for field hockey, tailgate parties and the sweater vest. Limited Too has clothes for children and infants.

A stroll past the traditional smock-and-frock shops in the mall often leads to the Intimate Brands units: Victoria's Secret, the now-famous outpost of lacy bras and threefor-the-price-of-two panties, and Bath and Body Works, the company's biggest recent success, a dewberry-scented world of soaps, lotions and bath mitts. There are also four Henri Bendel stores, in select locations, and a handful of other shops here and there.

An empire so large might be expected to have trouble running on all cylinders at once. But over the years, the Limited has fallen into an alarming pattern: it develops exciting new stores, nurtures them into industry leaders, then watches them

to resuscitate the troubled women's flounder when a new toy enters the

in the mid-1980's, for example, the Limited and Express were the places for American women to stock up on sweaters and cool pants, and Mr. Wexner's love for those divisions and their chief merchants was well known. In 1982, the company bought Victoria's Secret amid scorn from skeptics, and its sales quickly boomed as he lavished attention on it. In 1985, after buying Henri Bendel. Mr. Wexner obsessed over every detail of store openings and, former employees said, promised to roll out stores across the nation. By 1990. Bendel's sales had fallen flat, and Limited's latest faux-import line, Paul et Duffier, had failed.

Never fear, Mr. Wexner already had his eyes on Bath and Body Works, the Intimate Brands unit that sprouted seemingly overnight in malls across the country. But as that unit hit full stride this fall, sales flattened at the Victoria's Secret catalogue division. Now, Mr. Wexner expresses excitement about his sporting goods venture, called Galyan's Trading Company, with just

six stores so far but ambitious plans. Susan Silverstein, a retail stock analyst at Gruntal & Company, said: "Each division as they grow has to stay on the ball, which is easier to do when you are small and nimble. But this is the fashion business, and to stay nimble on the fashion side is no easy task."

As a result of inattention, analysis say, the Limited divisions mostly look alike now. Even those shoppers who can hum a Sears, Roebuck jingle impromptu are hard-pressed to cite differences among the Limited's core businesses, largely because the company has long resisted national advertising and other forms of mar-

"The Limited is for young kids, while Express goes a little older." said Barbara Terrell, on a recent shopping trip at a Lerner store ir. Columbus.

Melanie, her 20-year-old daughter, disagreed: "I would say it is other way around "

"Maybe you're right," Mrs. Terrell conceded. "All of their stores kind of blur together for me."

For the record, Mr. Wexner said, Express is intended for single, chic shoppers; Limited stores for suburban mothers, and Lerner for career women on a budget.

Mr. Wexner now says the revival of the core women's business will focus on creating brand identities for each store chain. He says he believes tiating the merchandise that each store offers. And despite pressure from Wall Street to develop national sales campaigns, he says he does not believe advertising achieves that goal. Whenever his chains have tested ads, "we couldn't prove the payoff." he said.

Mr. Wexner acknowledges that the road he has chosen for the cornpany is littered with others' failures. "The paradigms of multiple-division speciality retailers don't exist anymore," he said. Edison Brothers. whose far-flung ventures included the Jeans West, J. Riggings and Oak Tree clothiers and the Bakers and Chandlers shoe stores, filed for bankruptcy protection last year. The Melville Corporation, whose Thom McAn stores shod generations of children, this fall changed its name to CVS, after shedding all but its

drug stores. Certainly, economic shifts helped to dash some of the Limited's aspirations: women lost interest in apparel in the first half of the 1990's, a depressed real estate market hindered the growth of malls and an abundance of poorly performing mall stores snatched away market share.

But retail experts and former Limited employees say Mr. Wexner's management style has de-pressed morale and earnings. He has oddly positioned himself, they say, as both a micromanager who wants his hands on all parts of the business, often at the expense of others' ideas, and as a distanced and overtaxed executive who increasingly gives power to corporate bean counters.

One part of Mr. Wexner's grand revitalization plan particularly irked the Limited's merchants: the creation of fashion teams set up to design clothes and styles specific to each division. Though the strategy was intended to stop the confusing



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Leslie H. Wexner

overlap in merchandise from store to store each season, merchants say it has transformed them from creators who zip around the globe looking for emerging trends into corporate drones whose authority is limsted to saying, "O.K.,, make that in green," or "Bring the hem down two

"As the Limited started to really grow and expand," said Pamela Goodman, who resigned as president of Lerner New York in January, "all these divisions became a little more bureaucratic and dictated from the top, and that was a little boring to me. A lot of the power has been taken away from merchants."

Mr. Wexner said the need for the changes became apparent to him three years ago after a series of conversations with Jack Welch, the chairman of General Electric, a multidivisional conglomerate whose performance Mr. Wexner envies.

Allan R. Tessler, chairman of the International Financial Group and one of only three of the Limited's 13 board members who have no apparent ties to the company or to Mr. Wexner, said that the board remained watchful and that it had "demanded that he get help" running the business.

No matter whose idea, in early 1993 Mr. Wexner hired as a consultant Leonard A. Schlesinger, a Harvard Business School professor who has since been made a director.

"I walked into a company that really was a collection of entrepreneurial-minded people," Mr. Schlesinger said, "where anything that smacked of centralized involvement or mandates was absolutely verbo-

To address problems created by three decades of haphazard growth, Mr. Schlesinger designed a system to centralize information systems, the hiring of senior personnel for the divisions and general financial controls, and put them under the direction of subordinates to Mr. Wexner. He also set out to begin redefining the company's retail units into distinct brands.

Central to the plan's effectiveness is Mr. Wexner's ability to work within such clearly drawn lines - and Mr. Schlesinger acknowledged that this remains to be seen. "I would agree that Leslie Wexner has not been a hands-off leader at any time in the history of the business," Mr. Schlesinger said. Indeed, when two reporters arrived to interview Mr. Wexner on a recent afternoon, they found him niggling over a television advertisement for a new Victoria's Secret bra. He recalled, with fresh fury, the tale of a "former" marketmanager whose suggestion for the bra's name - Hide and Sleek evoked a car wax in his mind. Mr. Wexner chose another name: Perfect Silhouette.

"Ten years ago the culture was one that encouraged shared decision-making at lower levels in the organization," said Kirk Palmer, a former midlevel executive at the Limited who now runs a retail executive search firm. "Unfortunately, bureaucracy and politics have made their way into the business, which stifles creativity."

Mr. Wexner's propensity to dabble in all aspects of the business continues to vex Limited executives, who sometimes vent their frustrations outside the company. "There is stress in the organization," said Herbert Mines, a retailing executive recruiter. For that reason, he said, "They may have a little bit of trouble now keeping people."

Mr. Wexner is known for being intolerant of employees who do not meet his expectations or carry out his edicis. Several years ago, one

senior executive's first task as a division president was to dismiss nine people, who were told to clean out their desks before being escorted from the building by security. Mr. Wexner said recently that "forcing turnover, being aggressive about it, is healthy for the organization." Another former employee recalled that phone records were scoured by company executives to determine which employees were talking to executive recruiters. Mr. Wexner said he could not recall such an inquiry.

Mr. Wexner, who gives a deep shrug when asked about personnel issues, said he was not difficult to get along with. "The furthest thing I see myself from is an autocrat," he said. He calls himself "a leader, reflective, open to ideas, challenging, fair, visionary."

But another example of how his relationships can turn unpleasant is a dispute at his charitable group, the Wexner Foundation, which has given away more than \$5 million in each of the last three years. Last year, it filed suit against his mother, Bella Wexner, a nonagenarian in the Court of Common Pleas for Franklin County, Ohio. The dispute centers on period in 1992-93 when Mrs. Wexner, who along with Mr. Wexner was one of the foundation's two trustees, was incapacitated by illness. At that time, Mr. Wexner appointed a new trustee in her stead, a move she

Mr. Wexner concedes that he does not always operate on the same plane as everyone else. "I think temperamentally I've always lived in my own world, and that world is very much in the future," he said. "! don't get much pleasure out of today."

In addition to having spent most of his life as a bachelor - he married in 1993 at age 55 and now has three children - in childhood he was "a daydreamy kind of kid."

Recently, it seems, Mr. Wexner has dreamed about real estate, residential and commercial.

Stretching for miles east of Columbus along Ohio Route 161 are new white plank fences. The highway, too, seems spanking new six lanes of free-flowing, high-speed access to Columbus, a stark contrast to traffic snarls in other parts of town.

Welcome to New Albany. The fenced-in land belongs to Mr. Wexner's New Albany Company, the developer of an exclusive, 6,000-acre enclave where \$500,000 Georgian brick houses are popping up like dandelions after a wet spring.

While driving through the Ohio countryside some 10 years ago, Mr. Wexner was taken with the beauty of this rolling farmland. So he quietly began buying it up from local resiwith his personal lund: through an anonymous corporation.

A second project, across the highway from the Limited's offices along Interstate 270, is being paid for in part by the Limited Inc. It is Easton, the vast shopping, business, entertainment and residential complex now under construction.

According to plans disclosed by Mr. Wexner in January, Easton will require \$1.5 billion in private investment. Most of that will come from outside developers, though the Limited has already put \$75 million into the design and development. Despite that commitment, the

Easton project has gone without mention in the Limited's reports to shareholders that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Asked why Easton had not earned a reference in those documents. Mr. Wexner said, "We never felt it was a disclosable item," because it was small in comparison with the company's annual capital expenditures of \$300 million or more. Much of the land on which Easton is being built was acquired over the last 15 years, he said, and that investment will be recouped in 1997. Mr. Wexner's plan for Easton is

sweeping: he aims to recast the mold of the American shopping cen-

"I fundamentally believe in the mall," he said. But in three decades, there have been few drastic changes in how tenants are chosen or grouped, in mall architecture or in the decisions that make shopping a pleasant experience, he said. Mr. Wexner will not specify exactly what will be so different about Easton scheduled to open in stages over the next few years - but he says that without his reinvention of the mall, that distinctly American retailing creation will "wither on the vine."

#### UPS AND DOWNS

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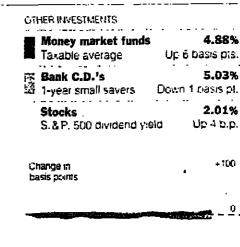
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# The Incorrigible C.I.A.

As a devoted Boston Red Sox fan, Anthony Lake is accustomed to tribulation and disappointment. That may be a good thing, for as the next Director of Central Intelligence he is likely to face a lifetime of frustration packed into just a few years. The Central Intelligence Agency, the flagship organization of the espionage empire he will run, is close to incorrigible. Six years after the disintegration of the Soviet Union and end of the cold war, the C.I.A. is still struggling to get its bearings and still resisting

Mr. Lake, who served as President Clinton's national security adviser the last four years, needs to complete a transformation of the C.I.A. that his predecessors either fumbled, or in the case of the incumbent, John Deutch, did not stay long enough to see through. Almost every aspect of the agency's activities requires further change, including production of intelligence reports, overseas operations and budget management. Most of all, Mr. Lake must make the C.I.A. accountable and insist on the highest ethical standards in its conduct.

The United States needs effective and supple intelligence services to deal with serious threats like terrorism and the spread of nuclear technologies and to monitor developments in countries like China, Iran, Iraq and North Korea. The dangers are too great for Washington to tolerate a drifting, undisciplined and demoralized C.I.A.

Mr. Deutch leaves a strong legacy of reform, and it is dismaying that he gave President Clinton little choice but to make him Secretary of Defense or watch him return to private life. Under Mr. Deutch's firm direction, the C.I.A. and other intelligence agencies pinned budget planning to realistic intelligence needs rather than the reflexive expansion of existing programs. But the overall intelligence budget remains bloated at \$30 billion, not

much different from annual spending levels during the cold war.

Mr. Deutch encouraged greater collaboration the C.I.A. between the analysts who prepare intelligence assessments and the operatives who run espionage activities abroad, something that should have been done years ago. He concentrated agency resources on targets like Iran, China and North Korea. Mr. Lake, as a longtime consumer of intelligence reports, should be able to sharpen the agency's work to better serve Mr. Clinton and other policy makers.

Mr. Deutch also helped break down barriers between the C.I.A. and Federal Bureau of Investigation that long hampered the investigation of betrayals within the C.I.A., most notably in the case of Aldrich Ames. The changes helped lead to the recent arrest of Harold Nicholson, a C.I.A. officer charged with selling secrets to Russia.

But for all Mr. Deutch's effort, the C.I.A. proved impervious to change in fundamental areas. His disciplining of C.I.A. officers for serious misconduct in Guatemala stirred resentment in the operations staff, as did the actions he took against former employees who had misrepresented information tainted by the Ames betrayal. His determination to set ethical guidelines for the recruitment of foreign agents was ridiculed. Across the agency there was resistance to Mr. Deutch's more demanding stand-

ards and tight management. Nearly 50 years since the creation of the C.I.A., the agency's operations directorate retains an insular, arrogant culture that breeds a dangerous contempt for democratic principles and accountability. Mr. Deutch could not break it. Mr. Lake will now have his chance. His performance on this central issue will be the ultimate measure of his success as Director of Central Intelligence.

#### Sensible Plan for Rent Decontrol

About a million apartments in New York City are covered by rent regulations that will expire this June. The Republican majority leader of the State Senate. Joseph Bruno, announced Thursday that he will not allow a renewal of the laws, unless it is tied to a plan for swift deregulation.

Mr. Bruno is right to call for decontrol. Rent regulation has not served New York City well. It has discouraged investment in the upkeep of old properties and the construction of new ones. The laws hurt the entire city by reducing the tax base. An expensive and extremely cumbersome state bureaucracy is required to implement them. Especially galling, the laws create an irrational system in which some well-to-do tenants pay very little rent for large apartments while less-prosperous newcomers are forced to pay rates that are artificially inflated by the shortage of market-rate housing.

But a system that affects so many people should not be undone hastily. Mr. Bruno's proposal to eliminate all rent control and stabilization laws in two years is far too abrupt. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, on the other hand, seems committed to retaining the system as it is.

The politics of this standoff are obvious. Mr. Silver's Democrats are based in New York City, where well over two million people live in rentregulated dwellings. Mr. Bruno's upstate political base couldn't care less about New York City rent regulations. But city real estate interests, which stand to get enormous windfalls from deregulation, are big campaign contributors to state Republicans. including Mr. Bruno.

Rent regulation has been here for a half-century and scrapping it suddenly would create major economic and social dislocation. Although the market rents in many poor neighborhoods are already lower than legal limits, there are still tens of thousands of low-income people whose housing costs will go up sharply when rents are decontrolled. Many families with more money will still have to move to areas with lower market rates. Businesses and service workers will lose income as

money that rent-regulated tenants were able to spend on things like child care, entertainment and transportation is shifted to housing. The only people who would gain from a swift decontrol are landlords, who could reap immense profits by selling buildings they bought at rent-regulated prices.

Mr. Bruno and Mr. Silver should work with housing experts and city officials to develop a plan for gradual decontrol with a final, certain date at which rent regulations would be eliminated entirely. Negotiations should begin in January. The leaders must avoid the usual scenario in which Mr. Bruno demands the moon, Mr. Silver stonewalls, the state budget becomes months overdue and both sides wait to see who will cave in first.

Several approaches are possible. The first stage of gradual decontrol could include dropping all regulations on units as they become vacant. The plan could also gradually reduce the maximum allowable income for rent-regulated tenants from the present \$250,000 on down. Or it could allow rents to rise by limited amounts each year until they reached market levels. Either way, the time period before final decontrol should be extended from two years to perhaps 10 years. Officials can then monitor the effects of the transition, making adjustments as needed.

Any changes must be made in an atmosphere that keeps the fate of poor New Yorkers constantly in mind. The Senate Republicans have offered to expand protections for the low-income elderly and the disabled. But they have not mentioned the equally pressing problems of poor families with children. Mr. Bruno's confidence that the unregulated marketplace will solve the housing shortage in poor neighborhoods is misplaced. Residents there simply do not have enough money to pay rents that would make unsubsidized housing practical.

So far, the Republicans have not suggested that the state should couple decontrol with more subsidized housing or some other safety net for the substantial number of very poor tenants. That is an issue Mr. Silver must put on the table.

#### The Dominican Connection

New York City's plan for stationing police investigators in the Dominican Republic caused a stir recently, as fears of American police invading the Dominican streets provoked a backlash among voters and politicians there. But Police Commissioner Howard Safir never intended to place officers in the Dominican streets, as some seemed to think. Instead, Mr. Safir would like to station a pair of officers at the United States Embassy, to develop intelligence on the Dominican-American drug connection.

Such an effort is important, but insufficient to deal with the Dominican nationals who routinely commit crimes in the United States and then fly home to immunity. American law enforcement officials are right to want changes in Dominican laws that forbid the extradition of Dominican citizens. But given the volatility of Dominican politics, Americans need to proceed tactfully, lest they undermine the ability of President Leonel Fernández Reyna to produce the result they seek.

Last month, Mr. Safir furnished Dominican officials with a list of more than 100 people suspected of committing crimes in New York and escaping to the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic should not want to shelter these suspects from American justice. Nearly all Dominican immigrants come to the United States, and most of them settle in the New York area.

High on the list of fugitives is Santiago Luis Polanco-Rodríguez, an alleged drug dealer from Washington Heights who fled the United States 10 years ago after being indicted for drug trafficking, racketeering and money laundering. Drug enforcement officials describe Mr. Polanco-Rodríguez as a pioneer in the mass marketing of crack and say his operation was a prototype for other Dominican drug gangs. Mr. Polanco-Rodriguez is living openly and well in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic should allow these criminals to be extradited to the United States. But President Fernández has other battles to fight at the moment. A reformer elected earlier this year after a long period of authoritarian rule, Mr. Fernández is engaged in a struggle to clean up a notoriously corrupt Government and consolidate his meager support in the Dominican Congress. The United States is right to seek extradition privileges. but it will need to be patient while Mr. Fernández gets a grip on domestic problems.

# If It Walks and Talks Like Inflation, It's Inflation

To the Editor:

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Your Dec. 5 editorial "A New Way to Look at Prices" says a Government commission of outside economists has reported that the Consumer Price Index, as now calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, exaggerates inflation because it takes inadequate account of consumers offsetting some of the impact of higher prices by switching to lower-priced goods. The underlying assumption is that when consumers are forced by inflation to switch to lower-priced goods their standard of living remains the same. Rubbish!

If a consumer must substitute a generic brand of cereal for a name brand that he likes more, his standard of living has gone down. If she must

I thought that your Dec. 1 Week in

Review article "The Fat-Enabling

For society to be accepting of over-

weight people is not the same as

What a wonderful day it will be

when comedians like David Letter-

man stop telling fat jokes (even if

they are about Rush Limbaugh) and

onlookers stop tsk-tsking at the sight

of a hefty person enjoying an ice

That fashion magazines have no-

ticed that some women weigh more

than 110 pounds, that they wear

clothes and that they - gasp! - can

even look attractive strikes me as

enlightened, not "enabling." It cer-

tainly doesn't mean that I intend to

throw away my health club member-

ship, stop walking to work and eat

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Culture" mixed up a few issues.

rent a video instead of going to a reau of Labor Statistics, that find a movie, her standard of living has gone down. If he must eat chicken when he prefers beef, his standard of . living has gone down. Only Government "newspeak" can tell us that this is not inflation. FRANK BRAULT

West Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1996

#### Who Gains?

To the Editor:

Accepting Fat Isn't a License to Gorge

Your Dec. I news article and Week in Review article on the overstatement of consumer price inflation do not adequately take into account other analyses of the Consumer Price Index, including those by the Congressional Budget Office and the Bu-

The Boskin Commission is composed of five economists who believed the index was too high before they were appointed. They have presented little new empirical research

to support their claims. There are influential vested interests eager to encourage such views. Congress would like nothing more than to find a way to justify reductions in the cost-of-living allowance to solve the eventual Social Security financing deficit. And surely the Chrton Administration would like to contend that the economy really grew rapidly under its watch.

But consider how unlikely this is. Incorporating two Federal Reserve economists' contentions that productivity grew half a percent faster a year than reported with these lower estimates of inflation will lead many to assume that real growth has soared since 1973 at a rate of 4 percent or more, as fast or faster than the growth during the "golden age" between 1948 and 1973. Does anyone really believe that? No.

Analyses of overstated inflation are more subjective than economists imply. More research is required. And it may turn out, as some economists believe, that the Consumer Price Index is hardly overstated at

JEFFREY MADRICK New York, Dec. 3, 1996

#### The Tax Omission To the Editor: Is it folly to think that current study

even more four-ounce muffins than I MARY LYN MAISCOTT New York, Dec. 2, 1996

#### Holocaust and the Enduring Need to Remember

To the Editor: Peter Schneider's Dec. 5 Op-Ed article bemoaning Americans' perceived stereotyping of Germans and fixation on the 12-year period in German history in which the Holocaust took place simply underscores the need to remember. Mr. Schneider's position is that it is time to concentrate on the more civilized achievements of the German people and that, if we are to remember anything about that dark period, it should be the 10,000 Germans who risked their personal safety to protect Jews.

Fifty years is an awfully short time for the world to absorb, let alone forget, such an enormous evil. And if we are to argue numbers, then against. Mr. Schneider's 10,000 de-cent Germans lei us juxtapose the 11 million Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Nazis who would gladly accept a lifetime of what Mr. Schneider experienced in America in exchange for even a day of what they endured during the 12 years he urges us to forget FRANK J. DYER

To the Editor: Contrary to Peter Schneider (Op-Ed. Dec. 5), my book, "Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," owes nothing to the notions of "collective guilt" and "cultural genetics," which are con-

ceptually and morally indefensible. By explaining that it was a set of beliefs about Jews that was at the root of Germans' willingness to kill Jews - beliefs that are, as my book states, no longer dominant in Germany — my book finally allows Germans to say: "Although this is part of our past and although we have some continuing national responsibility to face up to it, it is not about us today. Our country is different. We are a democracy and our values and views of the

world are democratic ones." It is this among the many other things that my book conveys about the past — including, contrary to Mr. Schneider, its emphasis that Germans individually had the choice whether or not to contribute to the persecution of the Jews and that they were, therefore, individually, not collectively, responsible for their actions — that has led many in Germany to applaud my book.

Hildegard Hamm-Brücher, nominated as the Free Democratic Party candidate in the most recent election for the German Presidency, put this

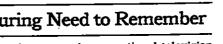
#### Carville in Retreat

To the Editor:

Re your Dec. 5 editorial "Mr. Carville Calms Down:" Ever since the political strategist James Carville announced his plan, now abandoned, to create an advertising campaign against Kenneth W. Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, I have wondered who was paying Mr. Carville to take on this issue and spend all this money. The answer may be "nobody." That may also be the true explanation why this hired gun is leaving town without another notch in his pistol grip. SHELDON SLOAN

Los Angeles, Dec. 5, 1996 The writer is president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

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in perspective on national television by saying that "we have had a renaissance of reflection because of Goldhagen."

There is no contradiction between explaining how the powerful anti-Semitism that once existed in Germany led so many ordinary Germans willingly to brutalize and kill Jews and maintaining that the vast majority of Germans today do not share the same views. Most Germans alive today have been educated and brought up on democratic values. Everyone should recognize and applaud DANIEL GOLDHAGEN Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 5, 1996

To the Editors sold and a deposit s Re""For? Germans, "Guilt Isn'to" Enough!'2(On) Ed. Dec. 5): The Holocaust must be memorialized not as a German phenomenon but as an example of the human race's weakness for self-abandonment through blood rites. To attribute this horror to a one people is to avoid looking into the innermost recesses of our own hearts. Rwanda and Bosnia are just two current examples of how entire nations can go mad. STUART WALZER

Carmel, Calif., Dec. 5, 1996

To the Editor: Peter Schneider's..Dec. 5 Op-Ed article gives the impression that Daniel Goldhagen's book deals only with the 12 years of Germany's Nazi madness. It doesn't! It reviews 200 years of German anti-Semitism. I know many Germans of outstanding humanity, but the few do not change EDWIN S. JAMES

Rock Hill, S.C., Dec. 5, 1996

To the Editor:

Peter Schneider's Dec. 5 Op-Ed article reminds us that today's Germans are no different from us, no more guilty of genocide than we as Americans are guilty of slavery or killing native Americans.

Also on Dec. 5, you report on Serge Klarsfeld's book of photographs of French Jewish children who were transported to German killing-fields. While we must accept what Mr. Schneider says to avoid victimizing the German youth of today, Mr. Klarsfeld's book reminds us that we cannot forget the victims of the CAROLYN MCGRATH

Setauket, L.L., Dec. 5, 1996 To the Editor:

Perhaps Peter Schneider's self-esteem and Germany's image (Op-Ed. Dec. 5) would improve if Germans focused on the minority groups living in Germany. It's legal there, and common, to read in housing advertisements, "foreigners not wanted." As common are help-wanted ads that say "foreigners need not apply." Germans could address their guilt by outlawing these Jim Crow prac-SAMEER SACHDEVA Washington, Dec. 5, 1996



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open a discussion of a fundamental flaw (Economic Scene, Dec. 5)? In 1976 I asked the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics why the index omitted taxes. Her answer: "Congress has decided that taxes are not part of the cost of living." Consider the increase that the average wage-earner has paid in Social Security taxes over the last 20 years and it is apparent why Congress does not allow the index to

of the Consumer Price Index might

ALICE C. LUNN include taxation. Olmsted Falls, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1996

Real Pain and Anxiety To the Editor:

You cite an analysis by Leonard Nakamura of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank suggesting that inflation estimates over the last decade and a half have been overstated (Week in Review, Dec. 1). Since that means more real economic growth, you are surprised that "the economy has produced quite real anxiety." You suggest "it may be that those in pain

were not typical Not only the anxiety has been real." so has the pain. Unemployment is " central. Rather than re-estimating unemployment statistics as inflation has been re-estimated, some economists have reinterpreted them so that the unacceptably high unemployment rates of the 1950's and 60's have become the rock-bottom lows of today. The 5.3 percent or so upen for 1996 is a low for recent years, but that low is higher than all but seven vears in the earlier period.

Lower unemployment has been and is possible; that is the hidden secret of the inflation re-estimates. We have already lost much - in jobs; production, in social justice and stability because inflation was overestimated. The lesson of Mr. Nakamura's analysis should not be "Look how much better we are than we thought." Rather, it should be "Look how much better we can do, now that the bad numbers that scared us turn out to have been wrong." ROBERT A. LEVINE

Los Angeles, Dec. 2, 1996 The writer was deputy director, Congressional Budget Office, 1975-79.

Cut Capital Gains Tax

To the Editor: An article on how wealthy taxpayers are able to postpone the payment of capital gains taxes (front page, Dec. 1) failed to mention the most powerful reform of all: cut the capital gains tax rate. Less money and energy would be spent seeking ways to defer capital gains taxes and more effort would be dedicated to entrepreneurial investing. Funds locked into mature investments with a low cost basis would be freed for new risktaking. Both government tax receipts and new investment would rise, benefiting investors, government and entrepreneurs all. BRUCE C. LUECK Minneapolis, Dec. 2, 1996

The writer is an investment adviser.

#### Genesis and God

To the Editor:

Re the recent treatments of Genesis that are summarized in your Dec. 1 Week in Review article "A Beginning Stripped of Awe": What makes . these approaches ultimately so unsatisfying is that they are devoid of the perspective that informs Genesis and makes any serious study of it so much the opposite - namely, the theocentric perspective.

For all of their fondness for humanity and genuine interest in human passions, successes and failures, the narrators of Genesis value those passions, successes and failures only insofar as they help to reveal the holiness and the saving

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will of the God of Israel. It is that — and its great artistry that saves the narrative from the purely anthropocentric and tedions. narcissism that seem to prevail in the modern "novelistic" approach-

(Rev.) ALEXANDRA COE Blooming Grove, N.Y., Dec. 2, 1995

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# At Last, The South Loses Well

By Alian Gurganus

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. novelist Walker Percy was often asked why so many darkly comic writers of gentus arose from the American South. He answered, "Because we lost." Then he laughed, with a shaman's

economy and a cracker's certainty. In three elegant words, Percy named the region's greatest shame and its uncanny secret power: our habit of anticipating defeat while never accepting it.

Trust me. The South is no place for beginners. Its power of denial can turn a lost war into a vibrant, necessary form of national chic. That same knack has also given us a dreadful reputation

The virulent Rebel spirit still flies - unsubtle as a flag run up a pole over South Carolina's Statehouse. Literally. This Confederate battle flag was first raised to commemorate the Civil War's centennial 34 years back. Until now, nobody has found the nerve or the vision to simply yank it down.

And why? The answer is aptly perverse: "Because we lost," the flag must remain. That is, until now.



Sigmund Freud might have been practicing in Atlanta - practicing on Atlanta — when he announced:

"We overcame the transference by pointing out to the patient that his feelings do not arise from the present situation ... but they are repeating something that happened to him earlier. In this way, we oblige him to transform his repetition into memo-

These days, those memories are saleable, exportable. Shiloh is picturesque, touristic. The President and Vice President? An Arkansan and a Tennessean. Burned Atlanta now plays host to the Fortune 500.

Having once fought hard for a divorce from the United States, having outguosed, outlawyered, burned flat, then alimonied near to death, we Southerners were left with little more than our lore. To that, at least, we held on tight. For a century, memory was all we had to sell.



Picture Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery on Confederate Memorial Day, 1871. Pretty dresses, gray uniforms, all the crutches. To a crowd of 6,000, the Rev. John L. Giradeau gave a speech. He might have been speaking about the worries of present-day African-Americans or Israelis or Palestinians.

"Let us cling to our identity as a people! The danger is upon us of losing it - of its being absorbed and swallowed up in that of a people which, having despoiled us of the rights of freemen, assumes to do our thinking, our legislating, and our ruling for us. Influences are operating on us with every breath we draw which, if we be not vigilant, will sooner or later wipe out every distinctive characteristic which has hitherto marked us. Are we prepared for it? ... Nothing of the past will be left to the South but a history which will read like an elegiac poem, nothing for the present but a place on the maps which our children study ... a single existence, a geographical one. But can we preserve our identity in the face of the difficulties which op-

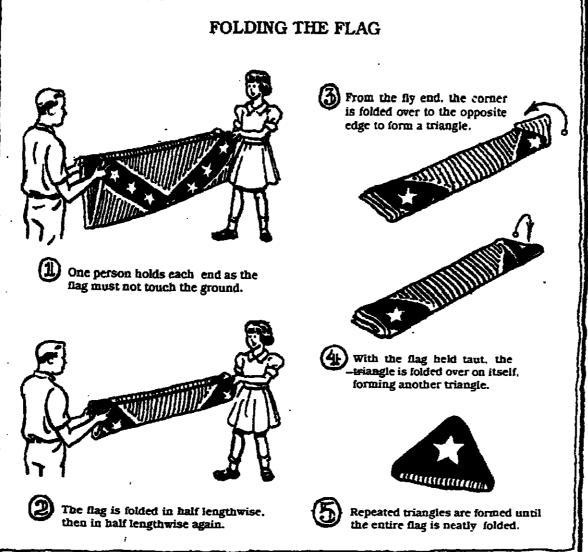
pose it?" The Reverend need not have worried so. Though South Carolina might look somewhat like Ohio, it is still confoundedly South Carolina For better and for worse. Fifteen years ago, we were told the Southern accent would disappear. Tain't so!

The North sent us carpetbaggers; we sent them chef Paul Prudhomme on a golf cart. Guess who made the bigger dent? Today black professionals are returning en masse to the South. These days country music is not just played at Nashville barn dances. The region that gave birth to both jazz and the blues is at last thanks to Junior Chambers of Commerce - considered jazzy, bluesy, sexy. Rather than blandify our food to match the occupying force's, we've lent our spice to the Yankee blahs. And at a pretty good markup.

But certain rankling emblems remain, symbols of the Bad Old South and not the Good New Gourmet One.

In 1962, South Carolina rehoisted the Confederate battle flag over its Statehouse. The thing is still snapping there. The trouble with raising such a pennant: Once it's up there, you can't exactly pull it down unnoticed. If you raise a war flag in a time of peace, the rules of war will always govern it - even 121 years after you

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Resp Max Denaud

lost the bloody war. And there's the

Enter Gov. David Beasley. He is a young Republican just two years into his first term. When elected, he favored the battle flag's presence. Three-fourths of all registered Republicans wanted the colors to fly forever. But South Carolina is now reeling from a series of especially ugly racist crimes, including church torchings and a drive-by shooting at a black nightclub. Daily Statehouse protesters claim that the flag sanctions such racial violence, a tacit "yes" to the Klan and deranged militia groups.

After hard grappling with the is-sue, Governor Beasley called a news conference televised statewide. He announced that the last governmentflown Confederate flag should finally come down. Though the forces of tradition still claim the symbol as theirs, Governor Beasley admits the forces of hatred have co-opted it. The Governor has done a real service to the South. He has given it as final chance to rise - and this time: from a Reconstruction of its own

The resulting furor now reads like Southern fiction at its ethics-based, glandular and atmospheric best. Business interests fear canceled conventions if the flag waves on. Senator Strom Thurmond, born just 34 years after the War ended, favors purging this symbol. The Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy ride clouds of 19th-century rhetoric -"blood" its operative metaphor. The African- American community opposes any display of the flag. For narrative suspense, the State Legislature has still not voted on the pro-

There are intelligent people who believe the flag should stay in place.

#### Remember what Robert E. Lee said, leaving the field of battle: 'Furl the flag, boys.'

Their credibility is undercut by two leading Republican gubernatorial hopefuls who insist: The flag is a symbol of honor. It never burned a church. The battle flag has nothing to do with slavery.
Such citizens' homework for to-

night should be the reading of a little item called the "Declaration of the Immediate Causes which induce and justify the Secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union." The words "slave" and "slavery" slather through it

One sentence condemning the North reads: "They have encouraged and assisted thousands of our slaves to leave their homes; and those who remain have been incited by emissaries, books and pictures to servile insurrection."

The condescension dripping from "books and pictures" is enough to freeze any heart. As usual, those Republicans quickest to use History as their battle cry seem to have read very little of it lately.



Governor Beasley, in striking the colors "because we lost," offers a clean gesture, brave and, not incidentally, career-making.

I phoned my most knowing friends in Charleston (very knowing, indeed). They tell me that, for Governor Beasley, symbolic shifts with prevailing winds are nothing new.

He blew into office as a (literally) flag-waving Republican governor. Yet he is a former Democrat. A boy from Society Hill, he converted to  $\ \$  sire to do right - is precisely the evangelical Christianity, then to the Christian Coalition, just in time to ride the botched Gingrich Revolution. (Newt Gingrich, for the record, is a Pennsylvanian who moved clear to Georgia to get elected, which explains a lot.)

Whatever Governor Beasley's motives, his battle-flag conversion offers our region a belated crack at doing something right. The South has a chance at last to lose the war correctly.

To finally admit: We've noticed

verybody loses something. A ball game, a wristwatch, a spouse, a child - eventually, a life. The healthiest among us are those folks able - through some mythic algebra that can never be explained - to upgrade defeat into an acceptance that itself becomes a form of honor. Shakespeare speaks of turning defect into perfection. But, flying the flag of the losing side blocks just such healthy personal present-tense mythologizing. Where are the new emblems of a New South?

Our region has finally offered itself a chance at visible dignity. Not just economic comeuppance, but a lunge at self-criticism - the first step toward affectionate self-acceptance, and a unity postponed.

The Governor suggests the flag now be flown only over a Civil War museum on the Statehouse grounds. This would give a context to the martial emblem of a lost cause. But African-Americans protest its display there. They would forbid the colors' presence, even as a reminder of an emancipating war.

"Lest we forget" becomes "lest we remember." Amnesia is no cure for the pain of Southern history white or black amnesia.

Confucius claims that one purpose of poetry is to teach the names of birds and plants to a nation's chil-dren. Monuments and flags serve as aids to train our young about their past. The battle flag enthusiasts need reminding: Only the winning side gets to fly its symbol over seats of legislation financed by taxpayers of all races. Conversely, is it not risky for black Southerners to erase from view the very emblem of crimes that cannot be addressed too

Absolutist thinking — balkanizing both sides - is the New Secessionism. Been there, folks. Done that.

The New Secessionism places eth nic identification above national purpose, group grievance over human commonality. Correct me, but isn't that why the Civil War was fought? Isn't that why all thinking people understand: The right side won?

Brothers, sisters? The Civil War belongs, at last, not on our streets, but, please, in museums.



Six months after the South lost, Gen. Robert E. Lee wrote Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, commending him for not fleeing the Union as many others had. Lee, I am told, is still discredited north of, say, Maryland. But in this letter he embodies all that I love about an enlightened, forthright, humble, morally imaginative, self-correcting and therefore eternally necessary South:

"After the surrender of the Southern armies . . . it became in my opinion the duty of every citizen to cease opposition and place himself in a position to serve the country.

"... I need not tell you that true patriotism sometimes requires of men to act contrary at one period to that which it does at another, and the motive that impels them - the de-

pole? May I see a show of hands? State by state, race by race, we cannot succeed by seceding. Done that, Lost out. Started over.

Maybe our feelings do not arise from the present situation but keep repeating something that happened to us earlier. And happened, and hap-

tition a memory. Heed the orders of General Lee. On retiring from the field of battle, brave enough to weep in plain view of his men, admitting defeat while somehow maintaining his own indelible sense of human honor, he called back, "Furi the flag, boys."

One hundred and twenty-one years late, my beloved South, it is time to say and mean this.

Shall we run that up our only flag-

So, South Carolina? Make the repe-It is time.

Let us all hold hands and, in uni-

son, shout it very loud at last, "Appo-

In the 1950's and 60's developing countries thought that having an aluminum factory and a U.N. seat was what made them real countries, but today many countries think they will have arrived only if they have their own McDonald's and Windows 95 in their own language. This year McDonald's went into its 100th country and for the first time it earned more revenue from McDonald's overseas than from McDonald's America.

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# Big Mac I

OAK BROOK, III. So I've had this thesis for a long time and came here to Hamburger University at McDonald's headquarters to finally test it out. The thesis is this: No two countries that both have a McDonald's have ever fought a war

against each other. The McDonald's folks confirmed it for me. I feared the exception would be the Falklands war, but Argentina didn't get its first McDonald's until 1986, four years after that war with Britain. Civil wars don't count: Mc-Donald's in Moscow delivered burgers to both sides in the fight between proand anti-Yeltsın forces in 1993.

Since Israel now has a kosher Mc-Donald's, since Saudi Arabia's Mc-Donald's closes five times a day for Muslim prayer, since Egypt has 18 McDonald's and Jordan is getting its first, the chances of a war between them are minimal. But watch out for that Syrian front. There are no Big Macs served in Damascus, India-Pakistan? I'm still worried. India, where 40 percent of the population is vegetarian, just opened the first beefless Mc-Donald's (vegetable nuggets!), but Pakistan is still a Mac-free zone.

Obviously, I say all this tongue in cheek. But there was enough of a correlation for me to ask James Cantalupo, president of McDonald's International and its de facto Secretary of State, what might be behind this Golden Arches Theory of Conflict Prevéntion - which stipulates that when a country reaches a certain level of economic development, when it has a middle class big enough to support a McDonald's, it becomes a McDonald's country, and people in McDonald's countries don't like to fight wars; they like to wait in line for burgers. Or as Mr. Cantalupo puts it: "We focus our development on the more well-developed economies - those that are growing and those that are large and the risks involved in being adventuresome [for those growing economies] are probably getting too great."

Said Mr. Cantalupo: "I feel these countries want McDonald's as a symbol of something — an economic maturity and that they are open to foreign investments. I don't think there is a country out there we haven't gotten inquiries from. I have a parade of ambassadors and trade representatives in here regularly to tell us about their country and why McDonald's would be good for the country."

The question raised by the McDonald's example is whether there is a tip-

#### Testing the golden arches theory.

over point at which a country, by integrating with the global economy, opening itself up to foreign investment and empowering its consumers, permanently restricts its capacity for troublemaking and promotes gradual democratization and widening peace. Francis Fukuyama, author of the classic work "The End of History," argued to me that a country's getting its own McDonaid's was probably not a good indicator of that tip-over point, because the level of per capita income needed in a country to host a McDonald's is too low. "I would not be surprised if in the next 10 years several of these McDonald's countries go to war with each other," he said.

Yes, there will be conflicts, but more inside countries than between them. No question, the spread of Mc-Donald's (a new one opens every three hours) is part of this worldwide phenomenon of countries integrating with the global economy and submitting to its rules, but this is not a smooth linear process. It produces a backlash inside countries from those who do not benefit from this globalization, who feel that their traditional culture will be steamrolled by it and who fear that they won't eat the Big Mac, the Big Mac will eat them.

How well governments and global companies manage these frustrations will be the real determinant of whether economic development will lead to wider democratization and wider peace. Here again McDonald's is an intriguing pioneer. When the riots broke out in Los Angeles one of the few commercial buildings not trashed was McDonald's, Wednesday's column will

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# Once Proud Classical Music Industry Fends Off Extinction

By ALLAN KOZINN

KE the gods in Wagner's "Ring" cycle, the producers who ran the big classical record labels in the 1950's created their own Valhalla a shimmering fortress in the musical heavens, fit for the heroes of song and stage - the Callases, Heifetzes. Horowitzes and Toscaninis - and built with treasure wrested from their pop divisions. It was generally agreed, back then, that this arrangement preserved something crucial in Western civilization. But by the 1970's, when the fortunes of pop labels dwarfed those of the classics, a generation of number crunchers had seized the corporate reins.

'You can keep your castle," they told their classical executives, "but you're responsible for its upkeep."

The classical record world has not adapted well to this drastic change of circumstances. During the 1980's, the business enjoyed a windfall with the transition from LP to CD, when collectors bought their favorites anew; but instead of regarding this sales jolt as temporary, the labels flooded the market with reissues while expanding their current rosters, recording budgets and release lists. When sales for the entire industry slumped this year, the classics lines were like dinosaurs, lumbering under their own weight. And having watched the classical share of the market plunge from 7 percent in 1987 to an all-time low of 2.9 percent this year, classics executives are desperately trying to reinvent the

They are dropping orchestras and encouraging soloists to propose crossover projects. Jazz musicians with a spin on the classics are being courted. New Age and world music are joining the product mix, and executives whose predecessors battied over divas and maestros are now bidding for the soundtracks to everything from "Immortal Beloved" to "Braveheart."

"For pure classical music, it's not a pretty picture," said Cor Dubois, the president of BMG Classics.

classical label heads have few allies. Consumers, rebelling against \$17 CD pretively bland, and with classic reprices and bored with the interpretive facelessness of many current available in pristine CD transfers artists, are ignoring new releases by all but a few superstars. Hefty performers' fees, especially those of American orchestras, make it im-்ப் எடிகள் apossible to recoup production costs even at those prices, an issue highlighted by the recent strike of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Retailers, responding to the stagnating market, are reducing their stocks. And classical radio stations. having adopted a wallpaper format that precludes vocal music and new "The Three Tenors," Cecilia Bartoli and works by Arvo Part and other post-Minimalists; it is as if top-40 stations in the mid-60's had decreed that they would play only Wayne Newton and Perry Como records.

In a business in which sales of 5,000 record copies were long considered respectable, fluke hits like "The Three Tenors" and "Chant" have sold in the millions worldwide, leaving executives hungry for more. But sequels, remakes and coattail riders are less successful. Harebrained gambits like "Symphonic Rolling Stones" and "Symphonic Elvis" have fared poorly, although marketers say that compilations like "Classical Music for Dummies" and "Idiot's Guide to Classical Music" have a large constituency.

There are hopeful signs. Several labels are courting young composers like Aaron Jay Kernis and Richard Danielpour. And carefully remastered reissues of legendary recordings continue to pour from the vaults. But there the good news mostly ends.

Traditionally, the main business of classical labels has been the recording of the standard repertory, and here they are taking a dreadful beat-

When I look at the business, I see overproduction, oversupply and a decreasing demand," said Mr. Dubois of BMG. "We have to reduce the quantity of recordings we release. It is virtually impossible to manage a tremendous number of new recordings in a professional way, giving every one the attention it deserves."

In recent months, producers at virtually every major label have scrutinized their lists, eliminating projects unlikely to earn back investments and trimming programs anywhere from 20 to 70 percent. Executives deny using a uniform benchmark, but insiders at several companies say that recordings likely to sell fewer than 50,000 copies in their first year are doomed.

American orchestras have been especially hard hit in the reconfiguration. Current union rates and work rules make the cost of recording symphonic works in the United States 60 percent higher than in Lon-

A look at a current Sony Classical project, an album of John Williams film music with the violinist Itzhak Perlman, shows how American ensembles have priced themselves out of the market. The recording was to be made in London, in four threehour sessions. When a Sony executive remembered that the company owed the Pittsburgh Symphony a fee

for canceled sessions, the company mainly to pop buyers added classical planned to move the recording there.

Then someone did the math. Britsession, leaving 10 hours 40 minutes of recording time. American contracts, which require three 20minute breaks, whittled the recording time to 8 hours. When that proved unacceptable to Mr. Perlman, Sony chose London rather than pay for an extra session in Pitts-

Of the traditional Big Five American orchestras, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra currently have recording contracts, although Decca/London has cut Cleveland's project list in half since 1991. The Boston Symphony has had no label for several years, and the Philadelphia Orchestra lost its contract with EMI in August. Orchestras like the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Francisco Symphony and the National Symphony retain major-label ties, and some smaller orchestras have kept themselves on record by underwriting their session costs.

"We have to be very selective," said Richard Lyttleton, the president of EMI, "and frankly, we cannot justify the additional cost of recording in the United States when there

With drastic changes in the record business, classical labels have failed to

adapt and now face dire

consequences.

are very fine European orchestras that are attuned to what is happening in the market."

It is easy to see why labels are resisting new recordings of the Under pressure to turn profits, standard repertory. Many listeners find most current performers intercordings by legendary conductors and at midprice, collectors buy them instead. A reissue of a Herbert von Karajan recording of a Mozart symphony with the Berlin Philharmonic can be expected to sell thousands of copies; a recent Claudio Abbado version with the same band stalled at a mere 200.

'One principle I thought was inviolable," said a Sony executive who spoke on the condition of anonymity, "was that whatever happened in the marketplace, people would be interested in hearing the latest conductors and instrumentalists in the standard repertory. Now the feeling is exactly the opposite. Standard is the kiss of death."

The conversations executives dread, in fact, are those in which senior conductors ask to record new Beethoven. Brahms or Mahler cy-

"If that's what they want to do, we'll have a long talk with them," said Mr. Dubois of BMG. "And we'll try to schedule that talk for three or four years from now."

How did the record business arrive at this sorry pass? One view holds that the business has not really changed but that the advent of Soundscan — a computer system that records sales at the cash registers of major chains - has clarified the problems of the market.

"Before Soundscan, you spent \$100,000 recording a Brahms symphony, you spent \$25,000 mounting a promotional campaign, and you shipped 10,000 copies," said Robert Hurwitz, the president of Nonesuch. Two years later, 7,000 have come back. But the returns are 500 here, 300 there, and you've released another 200 records since the Brahms, so you don't really notice.

'Today, you spend your \$100,000, you mount your campaign, you ship your 10,000 disks, you look at Soundscan, and you see: Week One, 110 copies. Week Two, 86 copies. Week Three, 70 copies. All of a sudden, from the most basic, common-sense business reality, you say: 'Wait a second. Something's wrong.' I think this has always been the case. It's just that now we're hit with cold. hard facts."

One thing those facts suggest is the degree to which the industry overestimated the CD boom. When CD's made their first inroads, a dozen years ago, classical sales were the first to grow. Collectors, assured that digital sound was superior to analog, sought gleaming new recordings of their favorite works. Then, enchanted by the format's indestructibility, they replaced their favorite LP's with CD reissues.

Labels celebrated by expanding their recording programs. Companies like Virgin and the Warner-Elektra-Atlantic group started classical lines. Bertelsmann, the German publishing conglomerate, bought the moribund RCA in 1986, and Sony, the Japanese electronics giant, acquired CBS Masterworks three years later. Retailers like Tower, HMV and Virgin expanded rapidly, and chains that had catered

departments.

Virtually everything customers ish union contracts require two 10- see in these elegantly appointed deminute breaks in each three-hour partments is paid for by the labels, a new twist that has substantially increased the cost of marketing. Placing a record at a listening post in a big chain runs \$3,500 a month. Special display space is paid for, too. And advertisting costs are for the most part no longer shared by retail-

> "We recently had a record that sold 100,000 copies," an executive for a major label said, "and those of us who used to pat ourselves on the back for selling 9,000 were pretty happy. Then the vice president for finance came in and said, 'Yes, but do you know what you spent to sell those 100,000?'

> The new uncertainties of the business are nowhere more evident than in the disarray in the labels' executive offices. At BMG, a decade of explosive activity directed at reviving RCA and acquiring specialty labels proved costlier than Bertelsmann had expected. During the last year, executives have passed through at a startling rate: one director of artists and repertory lasted only three days.

> At Sony Classical, Gunther Breest spent six years establishing a European presence for the company, moving the label's headquarters from New York to Hamburg, Germany, coaxing Deutsche Grammophon artists to defect and, like his BMG colleagues, buying labels with distinct repertory focuses. But he also filled the ledgers with red ink. When he resigned abruptly in 1985, his staff of 80 was fired, and the power shifted back to New York, where Peter Gelb was given responsibility to turn the label around.

The Polygram Classics labels -Deutsche Grammophon, Philips and London — have been adrift in the 90's. In the last year, Christopher Roberts, the president of the division, has sought to give each a distinctive character, stressing London's strength in vocal music and Deutsche Grammophon's traditionalist reputation while redefining Philips as a catchall for film scores and crossovers. But sales lag behind projections, and similar problems at Polygram's pop labels have led to published reports of mass firings and a sale of the record division by its parent, Philips Electronics.

EMI has so far avoided a shakeup. But at Warner Classics, which owns Erato, Teldec, Finlandia and Nonesuch, the marketing department has been merged with that of the Atlantic pop division as part of a larger Warner retrenchment.

One company, at least, seems unaffected by the industry downturn. Since 1983, Nonesuch's staff has grown from 3 to 10, its sales have increased twentyfold, and Mr. Hurwitz says the label turns a profit on the 25 disks it releases every year.

The core of its catalogue is new music: the senior Minimalists -Philip Glass, Steve Reich, John Adams and Louis Andriessen - are all under contract, and the label offers the explorations of the Kronos Quartet and occasional free-standing projects like its million-selling recording of Henryk Gorecki's Third Symphony. World music, light jazz, theater songs and soundtracks are also represented, and about 20 percent of the releases are of standard repertory. With sales of 500,000 copies of the latest Gypsy Kings album balanced against the more modest sales of Richard Goode's Schubert and Mozart disks, Mr. Hurwitz claims an average sale of 80,000 for his 1995 releases.

"I was fortunate," he explained, "in that my mentors and role models - Goddard Lieberson at Columbia, Manfred Eicher at ECM and Bob Krasnow at Elektra - preached that if you trust your own instincts, your own ears and your own passions, the public, ideally, will follow. What they did not preach was how to read the charts, see what's selling and go out

In a way, Nonesuch has become a template for the larger labels, particularly Sony Classical, the company that is changing the most dramatically. Though it releases 10 times as many disks as Nonesuch and has a higher quotient of crossovers, soundtracks and other projects of questionable durability, Sony has lately stepped up its jazz collaborations and added world music to its catalogue. Most important, it has embraced new music. Disks devoted to Sofia Gubaidulina, Gyorgy Ligeti, Alfred Schnittke and Peter Lieberson have appeared, and the label has put Mr. Danielpour, Tan Dun and Elliot Goldenthal under contract.

What separates Sony's new-music program from those of other labels is its integration of composers and star performers into a kind of repertory company. Before signing Mr. Danielpour, Mr. Gelb ascertained that Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax would happily perform and record his concertos. Mr. Ma was also enlisted to play the solo line in Mr. Goldenthal's Vietnam oratorio, "Fire Water Paper," and Sony has commissioned the composer to write a work for Wynton Marsalis.

This new awareness of contemporary music, dawning at other labels 108 Beyond control too, may be the hidden salvation in 110 Words with eye or this record-world "Götterdämmer-



Edgar Meyer, left, Yo-Yo Ma and Mark O'Connor are currently at the top of Billboard's classical. chart with their crossover album, "Appalachia Waltz," which has sold almost 30,000 copies.

ung," a way of redressing problems of the industry's own making. At long last, 19th-century repertory is being made to stand aside as current composition reasserts itself as a driving force in musical life. And orchestras, if they hope to record. Perhaps consumers rejection of

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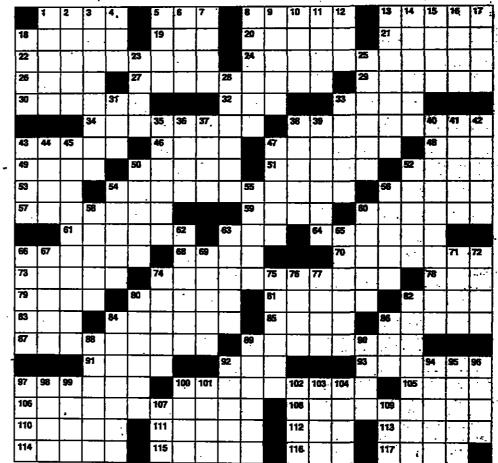
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The standard repertory may benefit, too. Many musicians have lamented the homogenizing effect recordings have had on music-making

cookie-cutter performances will be the kick in the pants that forces performers to find something fresh to say about these works. If, that is, the classical-record world survives long enough for this rebalancing to be the long with the long to t 17:17**H3**V03

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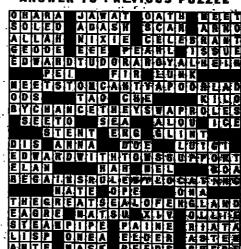
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"VE finally figured out why a doughnut is called a "sufganiya." Just took a quick glance in my Hebrew-English dictionary to find that "sufgani" is defined as, no surprise here, absorbent. Given the fact that Hanukka is a holiday celebrating the miraculous aspects of oil, an absorbent treat is only fitting. The problem that arises is that most doughnut bakers treat the absorbency challenge as a commandment rather than a concept, resulting in rather leaden rounds of fried dough.

As a general rule, those are the doughnuts that one finds in every kiosk, corner store, and bakery at this time of year.

It requires a bit of resourcefulness and research to seek out the unique doughnuts in Jerusalem, as well as the willingness to taste-test a series of the jelly-filled treats. A great doughnut is light, not heavy, without oil dripping on the outside." explains Shalom Kadosh, head chef at the Sheraton Plaza. Inside the filling should be interesting, not just average, and on top, something fun like chocolate or mocha icing. It also needs to be served at room temperature, never cold because then it loses its

Kadosh is also serious about his oil. He uses a regular vegetable oil for frying the doughnuts, but his secret is that he adds brandy to the batter to counteract the oil. pushing it away from the cake surface. At the Plaza's patisserie they also add lemon and orange zest to the batter as another ingredient to counteract the oil.

Jack Elkayam, the Plaza's pastry

JESSICA STEINBERG

chef, demonstrated the approximately two-hour doughnut baking procedure, starting with the dough mixture and rising process, and ending with the frying, filling and topping techniques. The result is a light, slightly chewy consistency, surrounding a somewhat stingy but rich strawberry filling. Elkayam comments that this traditional Ashkenazi treat is too sweet for him; he prefers his wife's doughnuts - Moroccan doughnuts with a hole, that are less sugary and dipped in honey or whipped egg whites and then again in crushed almonds.

The Plaza's doughnuts are a bit steep at \$2.50, unless you're a guest at the hotel and get to eat them each evening at candlelight-

If you're looking for a more affordable doughnut, your best bet is Marzipan at Mahaneh Yebuda, on Agrippas Street. Owned by the Ozarko family, this bakery is known for its cinnamon rolls and rogelach, but they also sell a caramel-filled doughnut that is superior to many of its counterparts. Izik Ozarko, one of the Marzipan sons working behind the counter, wouldn't reveal the family's secret recipe, but did say that they use eggs as their base, creating a soft, tasty dough that stays fresh for two to three days. Marzipan's doughnut is more oily than the Plaza's brandy-lemon zested variety, but it's also a better bargain at NIS 2 for jelly-filled, NIS 2.50 for caramel-filled.

Just up the block is another opportunity for doughnut sam-

pling, Bonkers Bagels. It's their first year making doughnuts and they're using a recipe with four types of extracts: butter, lemon, vanilla and rum. Filling-wise, it's a typical Bonkers flavor fest, with strawberry, caramel and blueberry, as a slight departure from the regulars. Their doughnuts are on the large side, leaving the expected oil marks on fingers and napkins, but they're generous with the filling and the blueberry is a nice change of pace. Their prices are on par with the bagels, NIS 2.50 for strawberry and blueberry, NIS 3 for caramel.

This wouldn't be a story about doughnuts if it didn't mention the new kid on the block, Dunkin' Donuts. Fresh from the US, with one branch on Ibn Gvirol Street in Tel Aviv and another in Ra'anana. third will soon open in Jerusalem.

Chaim Schockett, Dunkin' Donuts operations manager, says that the hordes of Israelis flocking to the store tend to favor three flavors; sugar-coated, jelly-filled and chocolate covered.

The Dunkin' Donuts doughnut is the sweetest of those surveyed, and they win hands down for their generous dollop of jelly that oozes out of the doughnut with each bite. In honor of Hamukka, the store has introduced the new buttercream maple-flavored donut, at NIS 3

The company imports most of its baking ingredients from the company's storehouses. All flour mixes are imported, as the local product is unbleached. The oil, too, is imported.

While Schockett won't disclose



Time to eat the doughnuts! There are all kinds of fillings and flavors this year, from rum-based to blueberry-filled to mocha-topped.

the mixture of oil used for frying the balls of dough, he did say that they use a combination of vegetable oils, with a low absorbing rate and low moisture level.

Therefore, any miracles relating to the volume of doughnuts being sold are not related to the oil in which they are fried. What is

number of doughnuts consumed in this country during the eight days of Hanukka.

Between the four stores menmiraculous though, is the sheer tioned here, approximately 75,000

doughnuts will be made over the course of the holiday. When I mentioned that to Izik Ozarko, he nodded his head and told me,

As a Canadian court had ruled,

"Our constitutional Charter must be

construed as a system where every

component contributes to the mean-

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Applying the above principle, he

concluded, the interpretation of the

Freedom of Occupation Law also

governs the Dignity and Freedom

of Man Law, with the result that the

petitioners' case, resting on the lat-

charter in relation to the others."

## Environmental law lacks enforcement

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SRAEL has some very effective, even, some say, enviable environmental laws. The problem is, and has always been, one of enforcement. All too often the law has been ignored in favor of the practicalities of day-to-day existence. But this is changing, and nothing could better express this change than the ratification by a Haifa court, a couple of weeks ago, of an agreement between the nongovernmental environmental action group, the Israel Union for Environmental Defense (UED), and Haifa Chemicals, putting an end to a three-year court battle wherein the UED actually brought

This was a landmark agreement, and no such agreement has ever been formerly reached in Israel between a blatant polluting agent and an environmentally active group. For Haifa Chemicals, a company that annually dumps 1.5 million tons of untreated effluents into the river and the bay, has seen the light of the new era and decided, in an abrupt turnaround, to

criminal charges, under the existing

laws, against Haifa Chemicals and

several of their directors individu-

amend its ways. According to the agreement signed by UED counsel Dan Fisch and Orit Marom, and counter-signed by Haifa Chemicals counsel Michael Zellermeyer and Eli Meytal, Haifa Chemicals agrees to the following conditions: Haifa Chemicals will immediately begin the implementation of technological solutions to their ongoing pollution according to an agreed and stipulated schedule. Heavy fines will be imposed by the court should the company defect or lag behind the agreed

• Haifa Chemicals will pay NIS 750,000 in damages to the local authorities and will set up an ongoing trust fund that will finance further environmental action in the Haifa bay area. In exchange, the UED and the

Public Prosecutor will cancel the criminal actions against Haifa Chemicals and the directorate. This is the largest single fine ever levied against an Israeli polluter and serves as a landmark.

What is unclear is why, in the view of the importance of this decision, even though a press release recorded all the events, not one single newspaper, television station or radio news broadcast even mentioned the matter. Is the environment really so insignificant, not only to the public but to the media? Do we really live in a place where what would be an earth-shaking decision in any enlightened country ignored? Maybe so. The one thing I do know is that Israel has good and valid environmental laws and the only problem is that they are not enforced. I can only take my hat off to the UED, and to Econet Israel who helped them to get started. It was high time someone reacted to these problems.

# Supreme Court confirms validity of kashrut law

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before the President Justice Aharon Barak, the Deputy-President Justice Shlomo Levin, and Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Theodore Orr, Mishael Cheshin, Yuzhak Zamir, Tova Sternberg-Cohen, Zevi Tal, and Dalia Dorner, in the matter of Meatreal Ltd. and others, petitioners, versus The Knesset and others. respondents (H.C.4676/94).

THE petitioners are importers and dealers in meat products on a large scale. The Import of Prozen Meat Law of 1994 forbade, subject to certain exceptions. the import of meat without a kashrut certificate. In a 1995 amendment (after the petition was filed), the definition of "meat" was extended to include all kinds of meat and meat products fit for human consumption, including poultry, and the name of the Law was changed to The Meat and Meat Products Law of 1994.

The petitioners, submitting that the Law would seriously affect their business, petitioned the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, to declare it invalid on the grounds that it offended against the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, of 1994, and the Basic Law: the Dignity and Freedom of Man, of 1992.

JUSTICE BARAK, delivering the court's judgment, first cited, inter alia, government decisions of September 8, 1992, and August 8, 1993, and several precedents - H.C.2015,1775/93, 7198/93, and 3872/93 (The Jerusalem Post of November 8, 1993), which preceded the 1994 Law now attacked.

He then turned to the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, first passed on July 17, 1991. However, for various reasons which he explained, it was repealed, and a new Law was adopted on March 9.

Section 1 of the 1994 Law, he said, provides that "fundamental human rights in Israel are founded upon recognition of the value of the human being, the sanctity of human life, and the principle that all persons are free; these rights

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shall be upheld in the spirit of the principles set forth in the declaration of the Establishment of the

That Law, he continued, repeated section 4 of the original Law under which freedom of occupation may be violated only by a Law befitting the values of the State of Israel, enacted for a proper purpose, and in which the violation is no greater than is required.

However, it also added a new section 8 which, while permitting a divergent Law, lays down, inter alia, that a provision of any Law which infringes on freedom of occupation shall be valid even though not in accordance with section 4, if it has been passed by a majority of the members of the Knesser, and states expressly that it is operative in spite of the Basic Law even if it does not conform to

He also pointed out that the 1995 amendment to the Meat Law was passed by a majority of the Knesset, and contained an express provision (section 5) that it was valid notwithstanding the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation.

The petitioners, he continued, submitted that the Meat Law violated both sections 1 and 4 of the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation. It infringed upon the freedoms of religion and conscience, equality, and property. It did not serve a proper purpose, and it went too far. It had ruined their businesses without any compensation. They also argued that section 8, permitting a divergent Law, was only intended to solve various temASHER FELIX LANDAU

porary problems, and could not be invoked to destroy the whole fabric of freedom of occupation.

They also submitted that the Meat Law offended against the Basic Law: The Dignity and Freedom of Man, of 1992, in infringing upon the basic freedoms stated above.

The President then noted that the constitutional scheme now considered was based upon the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Citing several authorities, including the Clal case (H.C. 728/94), he pointed out that the object of the relevant provisions was to enable the legislature to fulfill its social and political aspirations, even if they conflicted with section 4

He then emphasized that the meat Law, if at all, only sanctioned violations of the fundamental principles in the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation. It could not be used to destroy that freedom, a result which could only be achieved by repealing the Basic Law itself. Citing the cases of Yeridor (E.P.1/65) and the Le'or Movement (H.C.42/89 - The Jerusalem Post Law Reports, p.154), he stressed that the petitioners could still import kosher meat without the necessity of import permits. The impact of the meat Law, even if it did infringe on the freedoms of property, conscience, and equality, did not impair the essence of our constitutional regime.

He held, therefore, that the petitioners' submissions relating to the Basic Law; Freedom of Occupation, could not be accepted.

The petitioners, he continued, had also submitted that the meat Law infringed upon the freedoms enshrined in the Basic Law; The Dignity and Freedom of Man. of 1992. This submission too, he found, could not be upheld.

Citing the Barzilai case (H.C.428/86) - Selected Supreme Court Judgments (English), vol. VI, p,I), he pointed out that the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation - including the section permitting divergent legislation was a central part of the constitutional scheme governing human rights in Israel. Every constitution-

scheme, and could not be interpret-

ed in isolation.

ter Basic Law, must also fail. For the above reasons, the petition was dismissed. Renato Yarak and Hila Keren appeared for the petitioners, and Uzi Fogelman, Director of the High Court Division of the State Attorney's al provision reflected on the whole

Office, appeared for the State. The judgment was given on November 25, 1996.

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#### US addresses religious rights abuses overseas

N an effort to put a spotlight on global religious strife, the US
State Department on recently "provide information to the US named 20 prominent American religious leaders and scholars to a newly formed committee to advise the administration on violations of religious freedom in other coun-

The move comes after a year of pressure from some evangelical Christian groups agitating for the appointment of an individual "special adviser" to focus specifically on persecution of Christians overseas. But the State Department resisted that idea, opting for a committee with a broad mandate to address human-rights abuses against people of all religions.

"Religious and ethnic conflict have often been at the forefront of buman-rights dilemmas in recent years," John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state and chair of the new committee, said in his announcement of the formation of the panel. "My own personal experience in addressing the human catastrophe in Bosnia and working with Catholic, Orthodox and Moslem religious leaders in the long struggle for peace, justice and reconciliation has shown me how important it is to stand up for religious freedom and tolerance," he said.

The committee includes religious leaders who are Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and evangelical Christian, Moslem, Jewish, Baha'i, Mormon and African Methodist Episcopal, as well as scholars noted for their expertise in international conflict resolution, religious diversity, the Holocaust

government" on religious rights abuses overseas, and to look for ways that non-governmental religious groups can help mediate conflicts, Shattuck said. The committee, which will report directly to the secretary of state, will hold public

meetings, he said. The first meeting could come early next year, a State Department source said.

In recent years, human-rights organizations have documented torture and killings of Christians and Buddhists in China, Bahai's in Iran, and Moslems in India, for example. Religious hatred has inflamed the civil strife in Bosnia, the Sudan and other places.

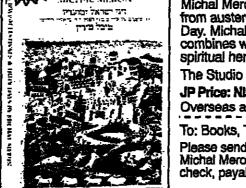
"The fact that this committee was appointed is testimony to the importance of religion as a factor in foreign policy," said committee member David Little, senior scholar for religion, ethics and human rights at the United States Institute of Peace.

The announcement by the panel was delayed until after the election because the White House wanted to avoid the perception that this was merely a political maneuver designed to curry favor with people of faith, according to sources at the White House and the State Department. According to one White House official who requested to remain anonymous, "the only threat to the success of this initiative was for it to be overpoliti-

cized."

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# Gov't to float 10% stake in Bank Leumi in May

THE government will offer 10 percent of Bank Leumi's shares in European and American financial markets, a senior official closely involved in the bank's privatization process said yesterday.

MI Holdings, the government firm in charge of selling the state's shares in the banks, initially planned to sell the 10% stake in 1995, but has encountered difficulties due to last year's capital-market slump and political instability. About 20% of Bank Leumi's shares are cur-

rently traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. MI Holdings' general-manager Meir Yacobson returned from London Saturday night, after meeting with representatives of overseas investment banks that are likely to take part in the planned offering. Among others. Yacobson met with representatives from

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Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, UBS and Lehman Brothers.

The government intends to offer Global Depositary Receipts, which will be listed on the London Stock Exchange, and American Depository Receipts, to be issued in New York, to institutional investors. The ADRs will

not be listed on the stock exchange.

Yacobson also met with heads of the London Stock Exchange and lawyers who are likely to advise MI Holdings on issues associated with the offering.

"The overseas bankers are enthusiastic," the source said. Lehman Brothers published an economic report last week which concluded that Bank Leumi is to become Israel's most profitable financial institution in 1997.

"Leurni remains our favored Israeli banking stock and we continue to rate it to outperform, the report said.

Bank Leumi has already started to prepare a prospectus for the offering, which is to be based on the bank's financial statements for December 1996, to be published in the first quarter of 1997.

The government last held a public offering of Bank Leumi's shares in 1993, when it sold a 13% stake in the state's second-largest bank. A tender process, which would have led to the direct sale of a controlling share in the bank, failed in 1994 after the Safra Group withdrew from the bidding.

#### Provident fund yields positive for 3rd month

THE banking sector's provident funds achieved positive real yields in November, for the third consecutive month, the banks reported

Funds specializing in investments in shares achieved the highest returns, mainly because of the improvement in the share market last month, Bank Hapoalim said.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish Fund, the largest fund in the country, achieved a real yield of 0.8 per-cent last month. The fund manages assets of NIS 11.82 billion. The fund achieved an accumulated negative return of 0.2% since the start of the year.

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Bank Leumi's Otzma Fund, the third largest fund in the country. reported a real yield of 0.59% in November. In the first 11 months of the year, the fund achieved a real yield of 0.52%, the highest

among the large banks. Bank Discount intends to publish its funds' yields today. Among the smaller funds, United Mizrahi Bank's Atid Fund had a real yield of 0.64% in November. Since the start of the

year, the fund had set only a negative yield of 0.16%. First International Bank's Karen

Hashefa reported a positive real yield of 0.48% in November. Since the start of the year, the fund achieved an accumulated yield of

Bank Otzar Hahayel reported a real yield of 0.4% in November and 2.1% since the start of the

Non-bank funds also reported improved yields. For example, the Nativ Fund, which is managed by Koor Capital Markets Nativot Pension, reported a real positive yield of 0.58% in November. The fund announced an accumulated real yield of 2.39%.

#### More builders at financial risk, survey says

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ABOUT 48 percent of firms in the construction sector are in the "high financial risk" category, compared to 43% in April, according to a survey by Business Data Israel. The BDI survey is based on

data from the first nine months of 1996. The indicators include bounced checks, liquidity problems and legal claims.

The building sector suffered from a significant slow-down in the third quarter of the year, which reduced investments compared to 1995, led to a drop in building starts, delays in public construction and a decrease in prices, said BDI.

According to BDI, the commercial, industry and office sectors registered the most significant price declines.

The survey said the situation was influenced by the closure of the territories, unclear government policies and the expectations of potential buyers that prices would fall in future because of the slowdown in all economic activity.

The sector also was hindered by the rise in mortgage interestrates and credit restrictions on contractors that have reduced the ability of companies in the sector to raise capital to finance new building projects.

According to BDI, about 41.5% of all construction companies with an annual sales turnover of more than NIS 100 million are at high risk, while 46.3% of all firms with sales of NIS 50m. to NIS 100m. are at

## seek Israeli partners from 150 companies **DAVID HARRIS**

Koreans

**ELEVEN** senior executives from the Korean-based Hanwha Corporation, including group vice president Jae-Won Kim, are meeting with 150 company representatives during their first visit to Israel this week.

Hanwha is looking for Israeli partners in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, communications, banking and venture capital, according to Industry and Trade Ministry Center for Business Promotion head Noah Shani.

Established in 1952, Hanwha, Korea's seventh largest conglomerate with \$14 billion annual turnover, comprises companies in the chemicals, explosives, energy and machinery manufacturing sectors.

Company representatives already have met Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, Communications Ministry director-general Shlomo Waxe and senior staff at Koor Industries Ltd., Clal Israel Ltd. and Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd.

Hanwha is a key partner of the Korean government in its communications satellite program. In September, a team from

Korea's Halla Group visited Haifa to discuss the possible purchase of civilian satellite tech-

Of particular interest to Seoul is Israel's first communications satellite, Amos I, which was launched in May.

Two senior Foreign Ministry officials made a trip to Korea last week for talks on further economic cooperation between the two countries. In the first nine months of the year, trade volume between Israel and Korea totalled \$551 million, a figure both sides said they want to increase.

Foreign Ministry sources said recently they expect Korea to be the first Asian country to invest on a large scale in Israel.

While much hope has been placed on possible investments from Japan, these have not yet come to fruition, with the Japanese saying they are waiting for regional stability.

The Koreans, it is argued, are less cautious and will act when they are confident of a transaction's future profitability.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Haifa's Elscint signs agreement with Siemens: The medical engineering group of Siemens AG of Germany and Elscint Led. yesterday announced they signed an agreement to jointly develop and produce electromedical technology. The medical engineering division is one of Siemens' larger groups, employing about 22,400 people worldwide with sales reaching about \$11 million for 1995. Elscint of Haifa is a medical-imaging company that designs and manufactures a range of products, including magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine and mammography systems.

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committee between Israel and Taiwan met in Taipei this weekend as part of ongoing negotiations between the countries. The main themes discussed included encouraging joint ventures in biotechnology, agriculture and space technology. It is hoped, as a result of the meeting, a series of business delegations will be sear from both countries. David Harris

Israeli business delegation in Taiwan: The joint economic

World Trade group's first conference begins: Industry and Trade Ministry director-general Yehoshua Gleitman will represent Israel at this week's World Trade Organization conference, beginning in

This is the first meeting of the WTO since it was founded two years ago. Some 5,000 people will attend from more than 150 countries. On the agenda is world trade in information technology. It is estimated IT sales reached \$550 billion last year. Other subjects include free trade agreements and interim agreements on government procurement.

Originally the delegation was to have been headed by Minister Natan Sharansky, but he decided to stay home because of the ongoing budget deliberations and today's expected cabinet vote.

Syria agrees to buy European airliners: Syria signed a contract with France to buy six Airbus A-320 planes, official sources said yesterday. The sources said Syrian and French officials signed the deal on Saturday in the presence of Syrian Transport Minister Mufeed Abdul-Karim. The first two planes would be sent to Syria in 1998, they said. Syria will use the planes to start flights to Latin America and south Asia and also to double flights to Arab and European countries. The sources did not reveal the value of the

Major won't 'findge' conditions for entry of single Europe: British Prime Minister John Major made clear that if other European nations were "fudging" the economic conditions for entry into a single currency, then Britain would stay out.. "If they are fudging the criteria there would be no question of the UK joining, the prime minister said. He refused to be drawn into whether Britain would join the "first wave" of nations participating in the single currency in 1999. Major also stood by his finance minister, ruling out dismissing the pro-European Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke, as has been demanded by some anti-European members of the Conservative Party.

German metal, engineering unions reach pay deal: German metal and engineering trade union IG Metall said yesterday aegotiators in the state of Baden-Wheattenberg agreed a wage deal which maintained full sick-pay for some 300,000 employees there. An IG Metall spokesman said a deal had been reached Thursday night that mirrored a breakthrough earlier the same day in the smaller state of Lower Saxony. The news came as representatives of the Gesamtmetall

employers' federation met in Frankfurt to discuss the deal reached in Lower Saxony, with Gesammetall officials saying before the meeting that the deal was likely to be sharply criticized. According to the IG Metall spokesman, the new deal was similar to the Lower axony deal "in all main points." Aside from the maintenance of full sick pay, wages for workers in the southern part of the Baden Wuerttemberg will rise by 1.5 percent next year and an additional

China has \$100m. on the line in EU trade spat: China said yesterday that \$100 million of exports and thousands of jobs were at risk in a textile dispute with the European Union, and it vowed to protect its interests. An EU decision last month to impose 22.6% anti-dumping duties on unbleached cotton cloth imported from China was "groundless and unacceptable," the official Xinhaa news agency said. The agency quoted Yu Boge, vice-president of the China National Textiles Import and Export Corp, as saying that "if no big changes are made in the final decision next May, nearly all Chinese bleached-cloth exports to the EU will be forced out of that market." China exports about \$100m. of unbleached cotton fabric to the EU annually. More than 100 Chinese manufacturers and 20 trading companies are engaged in the business.

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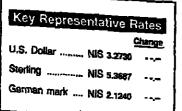
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#### Gold slips as US stock plunge fails to bring buyers COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

A SHARP dip in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, as well as a sell-off in the Japanese and European stock markets Friday failed to ignite a rally in gold and sent precious metals lower.

Traders said many expected a sell-off in world equities to attract portfolio hedgers to precious metals. The absence of investors buying gold early Friday was a sell signal for precious metals, they

December gold closed down 2.20 at \$369.10. December silver ended down 8.7 at \$4.743. December copper closed up .05 at 104.90 and January platinum was down 2.60 at 372.80

Boosted by hopes for improved demand and carryover from a late surge Thursday, wheat futures at the Chicago Board of Trade ended with solid gains Friday. Corn futures settled with slight declines in light-volume and featureless

Many observers attributed strength in the wheat pit to technifollow-through from Thursday, when prices sank early

but rallied late to close higher. Export talk also lent support, in particular the expectation that Egypt will make a tender for wheat over the weekend. Even though the US is expected to see little, if any, of this business, the expected tender appeared to restore some optimism in the US export outlook.

December corn closed down 1.25 cents at \$2.6725 per bushel and December wheat ended up 6.25 cents at \$3.9100 per bushel. Soybean futures closed steady

to lower on Friday, making new lows into the close as soyoil pared its gains. A lack of fresh news. pressured soybeans as the marker sorted through the late gains from Thursday. Without friendly news to push up the market further, soyonned quietly, with the deferreds holding a light premium to nearbys. January soybean futures settled 7 1/2 cents lower to close at \$6.88-1/2.

New York cotton futures settled higher on the day, Friday, on speculator buying, noticeably on the close, according to traders. The December contract settled 64 points higher at 74.81 cents, which was the day's high. The low for the session was 73.75 cents. The March contract settled 51 points higher at 76.11. Friday was the last trading day for December 1996 cotton futures.

Coursesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.

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"Once again you were at the front, leading your force, and now we are here in Deir al-Maksour having lost a friend and a fighter, a courageous Beduin." Levine said in his eulogy. We came to console and once again we find ourselves consoled by the family and the Beduin community. which with respect, dignity, quietly and with restraint, honors its fallen." Hujeirat is survived by his

wife, their two young children, his father, and eight brothers and sisters.

His close friend and comradein-arms, St.-Sgt. Kamal Mussa, from Tarshiha village in the Galilee, a Moslem volunteer in the IDF, was moderately wounded in the blast. Mussa told reporters that he and Hujeirat were leading a road-clearing mission and Hujeirat had climbed a slope to tell him to check the other side of the route when the first device was detonated, followed by two others. At the same time, Hizbullah

gunmen fired several anti-tank missiles at the patrol, sparking heavy exchanges in the area. Seven civilians were wounded in Tibnit village, north of the zone, apparently by a dart-filled shell fired by an IDF tank.

Hizbullah, which has sharply criticized the monitoring group for failing to protect Lebanese civilians, has threatened to retal-

iate for the Tibnit incident. Meanwhile, fighting continued in the zone yesterday with another long-range Hizbullah anti-tank missile attack on a South Lebanese Army position in the Soujud region, in the eastem sector. There were no casualties in that incident and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

# US Treasury secretary plays down of US stock drop

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin yesterday played down the importance of last week's steep slide in global stock markets and urged investors to focus on the long-term.

"What people really ought to be looking at is not these kind of day to day fluctuations but what they think economic conditions are going to be like over time," the Treasury chief said on NBC television's "Meet the Press" program.

Equity prices dropped from Tokyo to New York on Friday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised the possibili-ty that the high-flying Wall Street market might be overvalued.

The Dow Jones industrial average of bluechip shares fell by over 140 points before sta-bilizing to end the day 55.16 points down. Rubin said the central bank chief was merely asking a question about the level of the stock

market, not saying that it had risen too far. "I interpret the chairman as simply raising a question, not suggesting an answer," the Treasury chief said. "It is a very important dis-

UN ready to implement

Iraq oil-for-food plan

before making a determination on

starting the plan. "When I receive

it I will have a meeting and on the

basis of this meeting we will

decide (when the clearance for oil

sales can be given)," he told

The procedure is for Boutros

Ghali to give a one-page report to the council after which the deal

can go ahead a minute past mid-

night, New York time, on the fol-

lowing day. At UN headquarters, a

group of oil experts or overseers

who first need to approve any con-

tracts before Iraq can start ship-

ping the oil, are returning to New

York next week, an indication the

"We're still iffy on the timing,"

UN spokeswoman Sylvana Foa

said. "Obviously we are getting

closer to the magic moment for the

implementation of resolution 986.

But we cannot pinpoint with any

accuracy when he will be able to

transmit the final report to the

Iraqi Oil Minister Gen. Amir

deal was being readied.

reporters.

Council.'

bulk of the oil-will pass, a UN Muhammad Rasheed said oil

'official-said. Their inspectors had \* experts would start tomorrow. But :

previously found some of the DEUN officials downplayed the tim-

equipment faulty or missing, ing, noting the work schedule for

requiring a return visit this week the overseers was not settled and

to ensure repairs had been carried oil contracts can take up to 24

Bourros

Rubin, who meets weekly with Greenspan to

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) -

Secretary-general Bourros Bourros Ghali is likely to give

clearance for the start of the Iraqi

oil-for-food plan as early as today,

paving the way for Baghdad to enter world oil markets for the

first time in six years, senior UN

was cautious in predicting any

start date, the officials said the

Dutch-based Saybolt firm late

Friday found Iraqi pipeline equip-

ment in order, the last technical

obstacle left before the plan's

At issue is Security Council res-

olution 986 that allows Iraq to sell

\$2 billion of oil over six months to

buy food, medicine and other

necessities for its people, suffering

from the sanctions imposed in

August 1990 after its troops invad-

ed Kuwait. Nearly two-thirds of

oil sales revenues are earmarked

for needy Iraqis, with the balance

for war reparations and other Gulf

Saybolt sold the United Nations

that key oil-metering equipment was in "functional" order at the

Zakho facility along the Turkey-

Iraq border, through which the

Although Boutros Ghali himself

officials said.

implementation.

War-related costs,

had not been surprised by the Fed chairman's remarks but made clear that the central banker spoke on his own.

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott was not as reticent as Rubin in taking on the Fed, calling last week's stock market slide a testament to Greenspan's strength.

"I've always been a little nervous about the Fed," the Mississippi Republican told Fox News. "I don't want to bash them ... but I think interest rates should be lower."

Rubin, a former Wall Street executive. declined to say whether he thought the stock market had risen too far, despite repeated ques-But he did say that markets follow funda-

tals had been "very good" during President Bill Clinton's first four years in office. What was important now was whether the Clinton administration and Congress could work together to tackle the economic problems facing the United States, including balancing the federal government budget.

mentals over time and that the US fundamen-

possibility of adjusting the Consumer Price Index, which is used to calculate annual costof-living increases for Social Security and other government benefit programs.

A congressionally-appointed commission last week concluded that the CPI overstates inflation by 1.1 percentage point per year, effectively costing the government billions of dollars a year in extra pension and other pay-

Rubin agreed that the CPI was an imperfect measure of inflation. "The question is, based on scientific and technical analysis, can we arrive at a better version of the CPI?

"I don't think that we should rule out a change in the CPI if, based on a technical analysis, there is a broad-based agreement that the CPI can be changed in a such a way as to better, more accurately reflect inflation," Rubin

Speaking on the same television programme, US House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich from Ohio said Republicans were in favor of changing the way the CPI is measured. but that Clinton needed to take the lead on any adjustments.

#### To help in that regard, Rubin left open the Debts keep rising, but Americans keep spending

Bourros Ghali earlier Friday said NEW YORK (Reuter) - With the he was awaiting the Saybolt report holiday shopping season in full swing, it appears the big debts when he would give clearance for consumers keep racking up are not the start of Iraqi oil sales, shying holding back spending as some away from giving an exact date for analysts had feared.

Americans have added almost \$100 billion in credit card, autoloan and other installment debt to a total of nearly \$1.2 trillion as of Sept. 30, up from \$1.1 trillion at the end of 1995, according to the figures from the Federal Reserve. Credit card delinquencies are also rising, but consumers keep shopping as if there were no tomorrow, according to reports from retailers and other anecdotal evidence.

Despite five fewer shopping days this season because of a late Thanksgiving, analysts expect a 5 percent to 6% increase in holiday sales over 1995's disappointing

"Every indication we have says per-person spending is up and people have intentions to spend even more than last year," said William Ford, an economics professor at Middle Tennessee State University who also is an adviser to TeleCheck, which tracks consumer purchases by check. Yet many observers, including

Fed Gov. Lawrence Lindsey. believe the high debt levels are problematic. "When one looks at the data this expansion does raise some troubling statistics." Lindsey said in Washington Thursday. "Roughly for every extra one dol- Co.

lar we're earning, we're spending \$1.10. This is not a sustainable rrend.

Private economists, though, dismiss high debt levels as a sign of consumer optimism about the economy. Some even say the debt figures are misleading since consumers use credit cards to buy nearly everything now because many cards offer airline frequentflier miles or other perks for each dollar charged.

Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., noted that consumer debt as a percentage of income was actually lower now than before the 1990 recession. In December 1989 total debt, including mortgages, equalled 17.6% of disposable income. After falling to 15.3% at the end of 1993, it has risen to 17% but has started leveling off the past two quarters, he said.

The accumulation of debt has slowed. Therefore, you have to question whether debt levels are a problem," he said.

Professor Ford said that while banks have tightened credit standards in recent months, credit was still relatively easy to get. "Merchants are saying, 'buy now with no interest until next year','

"Consumers have the wherewithal to spend and the willingness to spend," said Ira Silver, chief economist at J.C. Penney

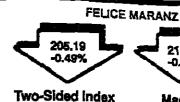
MORNING

Two-sided trading

AFTERNOON

# TASE shares drop after Israeli issues fall in New York

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Maof Index

STOCKS fell after Isrzeli companies - including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Koor Industries Ltd. - declined on Wall Street during the weekend.

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US stocks closed lower Friday, after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cited "irrational exuberance" in the market. The benchmark S&P 500 Index closed down 4.78 points.

The Maof Index fell 0.57 percent to 215.17 and the Two-sided Index fell 0.49% to 205.19.

"Stocks are down because of Wall Street, but overall there's no panic and investors are waiting to see what will happen with America tomorrow," said Dan Alt. a broker at Tel Aviv brokerage Nesuah Trading. "Teva and Koor are pulling the indexes down."

Teva, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's most-active share, fell 1% in late trading. The drug company's American depositary receipts fell to close at 47 1/4 six-month high on Wednesday. Koor fell 1.5% in late trading. Koor's ADRs fell 1/8 from Wednesday to Friday, closing at

On the Two-sided Index, Mofet Israel fund, which invests in Israeli high-tech start-up companies, fell 3% in late trading. One of Mofet's holdings traded in New York, Internet software company Vocaltec Ltd., dropped 3.8%

Unlike other shares across the board, banking shares rose, boosted by the perception that "they're trading below their assets," said AlL

"Banks, particularly mortgage banks, are relatively cheap, he said."Mortgage banks are trading at a low price-to-earnings ratio and investors are seeking cheap sectors.

On the Maof Index, Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi both rose 0.25%. First International Bank of Israel Ltd., and Israel Friday, down 1/4 from the stock's Discount Bank closed unchanged.

## Web site created for information on securities fraud cases

PALO ALTO, Calif. (Reuter) - list of qualified Internet sites for The Securities and Exchange such data, of which Stanford Commission said Friday it was joining Stanford Law School and federal judges in northern California in a bid to provide public access to securities lawsuits via the Internet.

As part of the effort, Stanford Law School said it created a site on the Internet's World Wide Web that could serve as a clearinghouse for information on securities fraud cases.

Institutional investors with under management have already registered for automatic updates of the Stanford Law School site. The move follows the defeat last month of Proposition 211, a California ballot issue that would have made it easier to file classaction securities lawsuits in the

"We would have done this with-out regard to 211," said Stanford Law School Professor Joseph Grundfest, adding that a new rule would be adopted to foster elec-

tronic filing.
The SEC said judges of the US District Court for the Northern District of California have proposed a rule that would require attorneys in securities fraud cases to post major litigation documents on the Internet. The proposed rule would not oblige attorneys to post the documents on any particular site, however, and the SEC said it would provide on its home page a

would be the first. This would be similar to the

way in which publicly traded corporations disclose financial information through the SEC's Edgar site, which was started as a university project.

SEC Commissioner Steve Wallman said in a statement that, like the electronic access to financial disclosures, investors "will now start to have the same access to information about federal secumore than \$1 trillion in assets rities fraud class-action litiga-

> Thelton Henderson, chief judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of California, said the court was seeking comments from attorneys and others on the proposal. The Northern District of

> California is home to Silicon Valley, and the venue for more class-action securities fraud litigation than any other federal court in the nation. Henderson said securities class-

> action lawsuits often require communication with thousands of people. "In a world of paperbased correspondence process is often slow and expensive," Henderson said. "The Internet may help alleviate this problem by creating a cheap and efficient means of providing class members in securities cases with detailed and timely information about litigation."

BUDGET

(Continued from Page 1) from school and if it becomes clear that we have to crowd the classrooms more, I would have a hard time bearing the burden of education minister," Hammer told reporters before the meeting.

Meridor also discussing the budget with Gesher MKs. Before the meeting, Foreign Minister David Levy said Gesher would not support the budget unless all the promises made to the faction are kept. Meridor responded by calling for all coalition MKs to act responsibly.

The cut has become an economic and political litmus test," he said. "I don't remember a time when we took on such an onerous responsibility."

The key factor in deciding the

level of the additional cut, according to Meridor, was ensuring the budget deficit is reduced to 2.8 percent of GDP by December 1997. Treasury estimates suggest the original NIS 4.9b. cuts are insufficient to achieve this aim. The size of the additional cut

was only finalized by Treasury officials after last week's publication of the budget deficit total to November (NIS 9.336b.), and the revenues collected thus far in 1996 (NIS 87.1b.).
"Implementing this budget will guarantee inflation continues to decrease and that unemployment will carry on declining," said Netanyahu last night "Successful implementation will lead to large investments in Israel." Meridor also convened a meet-

ing last week with leading economists, who recommended the need to decrease public expenditure and advised against increasing taxes. Those attending, including Avi Ben-Bassat, Assaf Razin, and Victor Lavi, warned particularly against increasing taxes on employers, given the current state of the economy. The economists also suggested it would be harmful to cut any of the budget set aside for R&D pro-

The Bank of Israel leant its support last night to the Treasury's proposals. An additional cut of some NIS 2b. is required, the bank said in a statement. This would lead to a reduction in the deficit, which in turn means an improvement in the balance of payments and the restoration of the economy to the right track. Batsheva Tsur contributed to

#### SHARANSKY

(Continued from Page 1) sions must be accepted by all sections of Israeli society. The attitude of the rabbis should be more positive and more friendly, he said, and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, who is in charge of the rabbinical courts, had been receptive to this attitude. In reaction, Rabbi Einat Ramon, spokesman for the Conservative Movement in Israel, said that by

suggesting there would be no

change in the status quo,

Sharansky was trying to put one over on Diaspora Jewry. It is clear, she said, that the religious parties are attempting to end the present situation, whereby Israeli citizens could go abroad and convert to Judaism with non-Orthodox rabbis, and Sharansky had not even addressed that issue. Ramon also accused Sharansky of failing to solve the problem of an estimated 150,000 Russian immigrants, who are not Jews

according to Halacha.



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served with devastating efficiency against the most ferocious server in the game and beat Goran Ivanisevic in straight sets to win the most lucrative prize in tennis

Riding the support of a partisan crowd of 10,000 in the city where he lives, Becker routed Ivanisevic 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the S6

million Grand Slam Cup.
The victory earned Becker \$1.875 million. Ivanisevic had to settle for \$812.500.

I felt good from the start, I returned well and I was getting my first serves in." Becker said.

The tournament brings together

the 16 men with the best record in the four Grand Slam tournaments of the year - the Australian, French and US Opens and Wimbledon.

Becker, who is ranked No. 6 in the world, was simply better in all aspects of the game against the fourth-ranked Croat, who was the defending champion.

He never dropped his serve throughout the match, and never even faced a break point. He took just one hour and 24 minutes to beat the man who has blasted

MUNICH (AP) - Boris Becker more than 1,550 aces this year, a staggering historic high on the tour. Becker hit 19 aces, Ivanisevic had only 12.

It was Becker's 49th tournament victory, and the 30th indoors. Considered one of the best indoor players in the world. Becker had never won the Grand Slam Cup

Becker broke for a 5-3 lead when a forehand by Ivanisevic hit the net and converted his second set point when Ivanisevic's forehand return again found the net.

Becker went a break up in the first game of the second, this time with a brilliant backhand volley that escaped a lunging Ivanisevic.

Winning almost all of his service points, Becker cruised through the

A forehand passing shot gave Becker another break point and he took it with a smash to go up 3-2 in the third. Ivanisevic saved two match

points, one thanks to a Becker double-fault, but he then hit a backhand into the net after a rally. "He was the reason I lost. I didn't know what to do, he was too

good," Ivanisevic said.



CRUISING - Boris Becker wins Grand Slam Cup in straight sets.

point lead, scored 17 of the game's

It was the third straight win for

The Knicks held the Clippers to

the Knicks as they finished play-

just eight points in the first quar-

ter. watched Los Angeles go on a 21-0 run to end the third quarter, then held the Clippers without a

field goal in the final five minutes.

Allan Houston had 14 points, Buck Williams had 12 points and

10 rebounds and Charles Oakley

had 14 rebounds for New York,

Bucks 126, Bullets 118

high 44 points and Vin Baker had

a season-best 36 as host Washington suffered its fourth

Robinson made 16 of 23 shots,

had seven rebounds and six assists

in helping the Bucks break a two-

-His previous career high was 39

points. Baker went 12-for-17 and

made all 12 of his free throws: He

also had 12 rebounds in 43 min-

Chris Webber and Calbert

Cheaney led the Bullets with 21

SATURDAY'S NRA RESULTS: New York 89, LA Clippers 80 Milwankee 126, Washington 118 Atlanta 101, Toronto 75 Detroit 95, New Jersey 69 Milmi 83, Chicago 86

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Glenn Robinson scored a career-

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final 19 points to win at home.

# Bulls lose to Heat, suffer 1st home loss of season

CHICAGO (AP) - Dan Majerle's tied an NBA record for consecu-3-pointer with 1.9 seconds left tive 3-pointers in leading Detroit gave the Miami Heat an 83-80 victory over the Bulls on Saturday night, Chicago's first home defeat of the season.

Michael Jordan scored 37 points for the Bulls, who lost only twice in 54 preseason, regular-season and playoff games at the United Center on their way to the 1995-96 NBA title.

Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points and Tim Hardaway 16 for Miami, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped Friday by New York. The Heat has beaten the Bulls only six times in 39 tries since joining the league in 1988.

Hornets 94, SuperSonics 92

Tony Smith stole Detlef

Schrempf's inbounds pass and scored the winning basket on a layup with 4.3 seconds left as Charlotte surprised host Seattle.

Glen Rice scored 22 points and Dell Curry had 21 for the Homets, who scored the last seven points of the game to sweep the season series and hand the Sonics their third home loss of the season.

Pistons 95, Nets 69
Terry Mills scored 16 points and EASTERN CONFERENCE

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tive 3-pointers in leading Detroit

The Pistons, who are off to their best start ever at 15-3, have won 11 of their last 13.

The 6-foot-10 Mills, who made all 12 of his 3-point attempts over the previous two games, tied an NBA record when he made his first long-range attempt Saturday with 1:44 left in the first period.

His streak came to end when he missed a 3-point attempt with 1:17 left in the first period. Detroit, which leads the NBA in 3-point shooting, was 10-of-20 from beyond the arc and held the Nets to a season low in points.

Jazz 104, Nuggets 91
Karl Malone scored 21 points as visiting Utah set a team record with its 14th consecutive victory. John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek each added 18 in sending Denver to its sixth straight

The Jazz led 55-48 ar traditime and steadily built the lead after intermission.

Knicks 89, Clippers 80 Patrick Ewing scored 28 points and New York, after blowing a 23-WESTERN CONFERENCE

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# **Scharf announces** squad to face Luxembourg

NATIONAL soccer team coach Shlomo Scharf has drafted four new players into his squad as training preparations begin in earnest today for next Sunday's World Cup qualifying group match at Ramat Gan against Luxembourg.

Three of the new faces are Betar Jerusalem players, a clear sign that Scharf is ready to rely on the men who have helped the capital outfit dominate the National League this season. Veteran Eli Ohana is joined by Assi Domb and attacking right back Shmulik Levy, one of the most exciting prospects to break into the squad for some time. Maccabi Tel Aviv is repre-

sented by Alon Brumer. Scharf has axed four players from the squad that played so atrociously against Cyprus last month. Out go Felix Halfon (Hapoel-Tel Aviv), Eli Driks (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Moshe Glam and Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa). Maccabi Tel Aviv defender Gadi Brumer has not been called due to a lin-

gering ankle injury.

After the Cyprus debacle the

national team has to register a convincing win against Luxembourg, one of the weaker sides in Europe, to retain a remote chance of getting into the 1998 finals in France. Anything less will kill off the Israelis' prospects

Goalkeepers: Bonnie Ginsburg (Maccabi Haifa), Rafi Cohen (Hapoel Haifa), Itzik Kornfein (Betar Jerusalem).

Defenders: Amir Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Alon Brumer (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Assi Domb (Betar Jerusalem), Shmulik Levy (Betar Jerusalem), Yossi Abuksis (Betar Jerusalem), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Tal Banin (Hapoel Haifa). Midfielders: Avi Nimni (Maccabi

Tel Aviv), Eyal Berkowitz (Southampton), Itzik Zohar (Betar, Jerusalem); Arik Bennado (Maccabi-Haria), David Amsalem (Betar Jerusalem). Forwards: Eli Ohana (Betar

Jerusalem), Ronnen Harazi (Betar Jerusalem), Haim Revivo (Celta Vigo), Ronnie Rosenthal (Tottenham).

#### **SCOREBOARD**

NFL - Last night's early results: Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10; Chicago 35, St. Louis 9; Atlanta 31, New Orleans 15; Cincinnati 21, Baltimore 14; Green

NHL - Saturday's results: Phoeaix 4, New Jersey 3 (OT); Calgary 1, Boston 1; NY Rangers 4, Toronto 0; NY Islanders 2, Washington 0; Montreal 3, Chicago 2; Hartford 6, Buffalo 4; Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 3; Los Angeles 4, Colorado 2; Ottawa 3, Vancouver 2; Tampa Bay 4, San Jose 3.

# lift Eilat

MEIR Tapiro grabbed a loose rebound and then nailed a 12-foot jump-shot at the buzzer giving Hapoel Eilat a last-second victory over struggling Maccabi Rishon

In other National Basketball League action, Hapoel Jerusalem and Bnei Herzliya continued their winning ways, while Ra'anana upended Holon, and Hapoel Tel Aviv defeated hapless Hapoel

Hapoel Eilat 69 Maccabi Rishon 68

Meir Tapiro grabbed an offen-sive rebound and then buried a medium-range jumper at the buzzer to buoy Ellat to a nail-biting home victory. The win sends the southerners into the mid-sea-son break with a realistic chance of reaching the final four.

All appeared lost for coach Moshe Weinkrantz's club after Guy Kantor and Leadel Eackles sparked Rishon to a late 10-0 run to grab a 64-59 lead with only 2:40 to play. At that point, Tapiro, Joe Dawson and Amir Katz converted consecutive field coals to verted consecutive field-goals to take the lead back, 65-64.

Rishon countered by running a patient offense that concluded with an Eakles basket enabling the visitors to regain the advantage with just over a minute to play.

The see-saw battle continued, when Nanad Markovitz, in his last game before joining Limoges, drove the lane for a lay-up with 48 seconds remaining.
It took all of 16 seconds for

Rishon to move back ahead, as Doron Jamchee buried two freethrows to make the score 68-67. setting the stage for Tapiro's hero-

Maccabi Ra'anana 94 Hapoel Holon 80

League newcomers Ra'anana proved they are for real by breaking open a close game and gamering an impressive home victory.

Barak Peleg (16 points) and Paul

Thompson (15) stormed out of the second-half gate to lead a surge after a tight first-half, that ended with Ra'anana clinging to a slim five-point edge.

Marc Brisker paced Ra'anana contributing 28 points in a strong all-around effort. For Holon, Derrick Hamilton tallied 33. Buei Herzliya 87

CELL

Givat Shmuel 69 Host Herzliya proved it will be a force to be reckoned with in the second half of the season by giving another strong performance.

evening their record at 5-5. Lior Ardini sank a three-pointer early in the first half providing Herzliya with a 14-12 lead. The Herzliyans never looked back and gradually extended the lead until the final buzzer put Givat Showe!

out of its misery.
Herzliya's Todd Mitchell (24 points), Terrence Stansbury (22) and Arditti (19) led a balanced attack that kept Givat Shmuel off-

Gerald Paddio scored 23 in a losing cause. Hapoel Jerusalem 98 Maccabi Ramat Gan 87

Gadi Kedar's first road game as Jerusalem's coach happened to be on his former team's home court. Adi Gordon (31 points), Billy Thompson (23) and Dan Bingenheimer (16) made it a suc-

cessful homecoming. Hapoel Tel Aviv 92 Hapoel Safed 77

Demitri Hill's 35 points coupled with Safed's foul troubles down the stretch enabled the Tel Aviv club to beat the only team beneath them in the league standings. Safed's home-court loss all but ensured relegation at the end of

Tonight, undefeated league champions Maccabi Tel Aviv travel north to play Pelephone Galil

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## West Ham rallies to tie Manchester United 2-2:

LONDON (AP) - Romanian Florin Raducioiu and Julian Dicks scored two late goals in just over two minutes to spark West Han to a 2-2 draw with Manchester United yesterday, stealing what seemed

like a sure victory from the defending champions.

With Manchester United leading 2-0 on a 54th—minute goal by Norway's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and another 20 minutes later by Dennis Beckham, the Reds looked comfortable.

Then Raducioiu struck with his first goal in English broke down the left side in the 78th minute and hooked a perfectly placed ball with his right foot from 15 meters behind United goalseeper Peter Schmeichel.

Just over two minutes later, defender Julian Dicks scored on a penalty when Schmeichel - lunging for a loose ball - was called for tripping Michael Hughes in the area.

The draw at West Ham left Manchester United with 27 points, eight behind league leading Arsenal's 35. West Ham has 18 points.

# CLASSIFIEDS Warne, Waugh lift

#### Australia to win South African spinner contains India

Shane Warne took a career-best limited-overs total of 5-33 yesterday as Australia romped to an eight-wicket victory over the West Indies in a World Series match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Warne took 5-4 from 15 balls at

Indies stumbled to 161 all out in the day-night contest. Australia responded with 162 for two with eight overs to spare with Mark Waugh scoring an

the Paddington end as the West

unbeaten on 83. Ricky Ponting returned to form with 44 in a 98-run stand with

Waugh after captain Mark Taylor went early for 17. It was Waugh's highest score this season and his best in 31 onedayers against the West Indies.

Australia now holds a 2-0 lead over the tourists in the five-Test series and a 2-0 advantage in the World Series triangular tournament. which also features

Pakistan. Warne, 27, grabbed the last five West Indies wickets to fall as he eclipsed his previous best of 4-19 against New Zealand three years ago. He was named Man-of-the-Match.

Warne moved to fourth on the Australian list of one-day wicket takers with 105 from 61 games, passing fast bowling great Dennis Lillee (103).

The West Indies lost 6-19 from 37 balls and 9-99 after star batsman Brian Lara - booed onto the ground for the second match in a row - was caught behind by wicketkeeper Ian Healy off the bowling of medium-pacer Tom Moody. Carl Hooper top-scored with 41

but only four West Indies batsmen

Klusener at fine leg. Africa in Test play.

SYDNEY (AP) - Leg-spinner made it into double figures.

Lara's form slump continued as he made 26, although he shared a 54-run stand with opener Sherwin Campbell, who made a gritty 38. Lara has made just 104 runs in his last six innings. South Africa-India

South Africa's left-arm spinner Paul Adams halted an ambitious Indian attempt, leaving the hosts at 204 for six at the end of the first day's play in their third and final cricket Test, at Kanpur. Adams ended the day with the

wickets of former captain Mohammed Azharuddin, Sunil Joshi and Rahul Dravid under bis belt, while compatriot Bryan McMillan claimed the wickets of opener Nayan Mongia and W.V. Raman.

Skipper Sachin Tendulkar (43) and Anil Kumble (5) were at the crease at stumps.

Within a space of 15 deliveries, Adams had ended India's hopes of piling up a big first innings total and three of India's main batsmen were back in the pavilion.

Dravid fell first to Adams, the ball rapping his pads after an abortive sweep attempt. Azharuddin gave an easy catch back to Adams and Joshi, trying to hook a ball, send it flying to David

Before Adams struck, India appeared to be going fine with Mongia and Raman putting up a 76-run first wicket partnership -India's highest against South

Mongia's 41 contained five boundaries off 91 balls, while Raman, recalled into the Test squad after four years, scored a careful 57.

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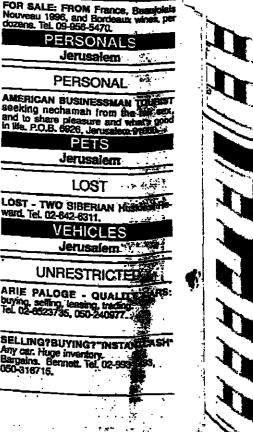
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#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS & DOGS -Michael Lehmann directed this fresh, female reworking of Cyrano de Bergerac, which stars Janeane Garofalo as a dry wit of a vet with her own radio call-in show, Uma Thurman as her sweet, empty-headed fashion-model neighbor, and Ben Chaplin as the man who gets confused and falls for both of them (he thinks the doctor's voice belongs to the model's body). While the suspension of disbelief required to buy the outlandish storyline often feels more willed than willing, the film maintains most of its feathery charm throughout - largely because the director understands the extremely slight, basically improbable nature of the tale he's telling, and never pushes it. Audrey Welles wrote the clever script. (English dialogue, Hebrew subti-

# tles. Parental guidance suggested.)

#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

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- I The cards might be made stiffer (8)
- 5 Note change given and hesitate (6)
- 9 The manicurist? (8)
- 10 Lay feeling under the weather—all in (6)
- 12 Wine church members find
- rough stuff (9) 13 Follow directions and
- engage in litigation (5)
- 14 Material obtained from
- Central America (4) 16 Order quiet about cut (7)
- 19 Possibly the <u>l</u>eader will make it clear (7) 21 A city club with aspiration
- 24 Coffee, or, if there's little
- time, tea (5) 25 Awfully .decent-not relaxed though (9)

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thousands (6) 28 Owner distracted after vehicle gets crushed (8)

27 Sticky heavy soil contains

- 29 Showing craft about exercise, the top journalist runs (6)
- 30 Contact the head, all being right (8)

#### DOWN

- 1 Writing up about cold
- man's separation (6) 2 Medication needed in a car smash (6)
- 3 Amusing yet firm male in charge (5)
- 4 Chapter and verse after record is set (7)

#### SOLUTIONS

6 Serving minced meat and

beans or humble pie (9)

7 It's about a Latin fellow's

8 Army personnel counted as

discharged (8)
11 Could start with fruit and

a morsel of fried food (4)

15 Cheered when a number

17 Poor actors accepting chaff

18 The protection of cod takes

20 Eat out in Letchworth say

21 Musicians require time for

22 Fit to be one of the

23 As it may be said, no

good-looker! (6) 26 Appearing before the court without a list (5)

made demands (9)

as bedding (8)

organisation (8)

dressing (7)

boat-crew (6)

charm (8)



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Feller, 4 Worker, 7 Spaghetti, 9 Step, 10 Ante. 11 Humid, 13 Orator, 14 Lustra, 16 Nutmeg, 17 Sconce, 19 Argue, 29 Rich, 22 Slap, 23 Servility, 24 Laurel, 25 Nimble.

DOWN: 1 Fissco, 2 Lapp, 3 Rigour 4 Weevil, 5 Rota, 6 Revere, Semantics, 8 Instantly, 11 Hossa, 12 Dunce, 15 Normal, 18 Gravel, 17 Sullen, 18 Expose, 21 Rear, 22 Stem.

#### QUICK CROSSWORD ACROSS 1 Legatee (4) 3 Final (8) 9 Permit (5) 10 Guilty party (7) 11 Obscure (3) 13 Sprout (9) 14 Resident (6) 16 Messy (6) 18 Efficient (9) 20 Obtain (3) 22 Type of window (?)

#### DOWN 1 Cache (5) 2 Unwell (3)

23 Pulsate (5)

26 Border (4)

- 25 Apostate (8)
- 4 Accompany (6) 5 Large number (7)
- 6 Telling (9) 7 Sweepstake (7) 8 Small branch (4) 12 New York
- borough (9) 14 Drinker (7) 15 Nought (7)
- 17 Written matter (6) 19 Behindhand (4) 21 List (5)

# 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning, Israel

8:00 Surprise Train 8:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 8:35 Jimbo 8:40 Gaya, Gal and Gii 8:55 Gargantus 9:10 Without Secrets 9:30 Yardcats 10:00 Storybreak 10:35 Name Your Adventure 11:00 Patiern of Roses (1983) — a boy living in an Engish village is haunted by the ghost of a boy who fived in his home 70 years before. With Helena Bonham-Carter (78 mins.) 12:20 Andy Has a Girtherot — short Sen (41 mins.) 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:40 Gaya, Gal and Gii 14:55 Gargantus 15:10 Without Secrets

#### E CHANNEL 1

EDUCATIONAL TV

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 Booly 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 Dublien – 8ve interactive TV game 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zep to Basel 16:58 A New Evening 17:34 Zeppy Books - children's literature 18:15 N

#### English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Sport 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News fash 19:31 Lighting of the fifth Haruida candle 19:34 The Simpsons 20:00 News 20:45 Popolitica 22:10 Backmack with Ehud Manor 22:45 The Lazarus Man 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

#### E CHANNEL 2

10:00 Shelley Duvall's Fairytales 11:00 In the Best Interest of the Children (1992) – melodrama based on the true story of an unstable woman raising five children stred by different tathers. With Sarah Jessica Parter. (100 mins.) 12:40 Holiday Songs 13:05 A Matter of Time 13:30 All Together Now 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac – quiz show 15:00 Super Duper 15:30 Trick or Treat 16:00 Bold and the Beautiful 16:50 Lighting of fifth Harulda candle 17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 The Mossad 20:00 News 20:30 It's Nothing – with Avri Gilad 21:45 Dan Shilon Live 23:20 Yes Minister 00:00 News 00:05 Night Owts 2:00 They Want to See Blood 2:30 Edge of the Shell

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14:05 Muppet Show 14:30 Dad's Army 15:00 French programs 16:00 Documentary 16:30 Hey Dad 17:00 News flash 17:01 Destiny Ridge 17:30 French programs 19:30 News headlines 19:35 Roseanne 20:00 Disaster Chronicles 20:30 Cinema, Cinema 21:10 The Lazarus Man 22:00 News in English 22:30 Best Sellers 23:15 The Knack

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E SECOND SHOWING (6)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

IN SUPER CHANNEL

STAR PLUS

22:00 Raise the Red Lantern (Chinese, 1991) – Zhang Yimo's sturning movie about a young student who is forced to become the fourth wife of a rich man. Wen Gong Li. (119 mins.) 00:05 On Purge Bebe (French, 1931) – Renoi's first take. A poncesan manufactur-

er is obsessed with supplying 200,000 cham-ber pots to the army, while his wife is obsessed with their baby (60 mins.)

5:00 Open University 12:00 Arabia: Sand, Sea and Surf, part 1 — The Mountain Barner (ppt 13:00 Beyond 2000 (ppt 13:30 Piew World (ppt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Arabia: Sand, Sea and Surf, part 1 (ppt 17:20 New World (ppt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Seven Wonders of the World: Metropolis — Alexandria 21:00 Great Palanes — Topiacia, Istanbut 21:30 Fork in the Road — Argentina 22:00 Feasured Guilty — exposé of the Bruish criminal law system 23:00 Seven Wonders of the World: Metropolis (pt) 00:00 Open University

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16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Things Which Cart Be Sold 17:15 Panarama 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 News 20:45 International Art Magazine 20:00 News 20:45 International Art Magazine 21:15 Don't Tell Her It's Me (1990) - 8 sty young man entists the help of his novelist sis-ter in order to win the girl he loves. With Shelley Long and Steve Guttenberg. (88 mins.) 22-55 Adventures – Man and Nature

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#### # FAMELY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perta Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Datas (rpt) 13:30 Sarting at 1:30 14:10 Burke's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Datas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perta Negra 20:50 The Naked Truth 21:15 Ned and Stacey 21:40 Frasier 22:05 Hope and Glona 22:30 The Drew Carey Show 22:55 New York Daze 23:220 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 Säk Stakings 1:20 North of 60

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Dead (1987) - adaptation of Joyce's Dubiners (rpt) 12:55 Last Train from Gun Hill (1959) - Western with Kirk Douglas and Anthony Quant (rpt) 14:30 Ad Machess 15:00 Miles from Home (1985) (rpt) 16:50 The Switch (1992) (rpt) 18:25 Twist and Shout (Danish, 1984) - noscalgic talle of two mends growing up in the Beafles' heyday, (102 mins.) 20:05 New in the Cinema 20:20 Weekend at Bernie's (1983) - comedy about two young men who go to a party and find

Weekend at Bernie's (1939) – cornedy about two young men who go to a party and find the host's body. With Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman. (94 mins.) 22:00 What's Eating Gibert Grape (1993) – Johnny Depp stars as a young man who looks after his obese mother and retarded prother. (113 mins.) 00:00 Fallen Angels (1992) – a dying gangster goes to Los Angeles to exact reverge on the uncle (92 mins.) 1:35 Cosing Numbers (1994) (rpt) 3:05 Texas Chain Saw Massacre II (1974) – Dermis Hopper comes up against a cannibalistic tribe of chainsaw afficinados (96 mins.) onados (96 mins.)

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#### A PRIME SPORTS

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# Sharon tells Treasury: Leave ministries alone

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon called vesterday for the Finance Ministry to stop intervening in other ministries'

This style of too much Treasury interference in the functioning of other ministries must come to an end," said Sharon, during a tour of the Arava. His comments came before Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor appealed on television last night to all MKs to accept the proposals.

Before this morning's government discussion of the NIS 1.8 billion increase to the proposed NIS 4.9b. budget cut for 1997, many ministers and MKs were still in the dark as to what the final proposals would be. However, a source close to Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said it now seems likely each minister will be asked to decide where to make the addition-

Initially, Budget Department head Ran Kroll said the cuts would be made proportionately across the board, but several ministries, in particular Defense, made it clear they will oppose further cuts.

Netanyahu confirmed last night there would be no additional cut to

Top IDF officers last month said they had arrived at an understanding with the Treasury that would leave their budget unaffected by the new cuts, having already agreed to a NIS 825m. reduction for next year. However, "nothing is definite concerning the IDF budget." Finance Ministry spokesman Eli

IT is not true that Degel Hatorah

has threatened to vote against the

budget, Knesset Finance

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism)

Ravitz, who is Degel's senior

MK, told reporters that, although

the party is concerned over the

erosion in yeshiva budgets, it has

not and will not make threats at

this stage, since there is as yet no -

reason to believe an amicable

That doesn't mean we won't

threaten [at a later stage]," he

solution cannot be found.

said yesterday.

In response, the Defense Ministry told The Jerusalem Post the budget needs to be increased. This is currently on the agenda. What the government decides will be final."

While rumors are rampant as to where the new cuts will be made, some sources in the Finance Ministry and Knesset suggested the largest reductions in spending will come in the construction, social and

education budgets. Meridor has indicated there will be certain compromises when the final proposals are presented to the cabinet today. These could appear in charges for doctor's appoint-

ments and child-benefit allowances. Health Ministry spokesman Effie Lahav denied a report in yesterday's Ha'arer; that claimed Health Minister Yehoshua Matza had agreed with Meridor not to impose a charge on doctor's visits. The Minister said he guesses there will be no charge - that is all," said

Throughout the protracted negotiations, there has been a persistent rumor that Netanyahu and Meridor will have to increase taxes, either by boosting VAT to 18 percent or reducing National Insurance support to employers. Netanyahu staked his reputation on eschewing a tax rise during a July gathering of economic experts at Caesarea. when he said "read my lips [there will be no new taxation]."

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor) said last night he thinks there will eventually be an increase in taxes. "What the prime minister and finance minister are requesting will not be approved by the coalition," he told reporters. Degel Hatorah holding off budget threats - for now

added. "But I am certain that the

small step towards this goal yesterday by giving conditional approval to a NIS 64 pupils'

health care fee. Initially, coali-

tion members had been divided

over this issue, but yesterday

they decided to approve the fee if

the Treasury would agree to set a

cap for families with many chil-

dren. It is not fair to expect fam-

The committee took another

budget will pass."

**EVELYN GORDON** 

Red Sea International Music Festival



President Ezer Weizman looks on last night as his wife, Reuma, shakes hands with wounded soldier Gil Achtenberg. At the Hanukka candle lighting at Beit Hanassi, Weizman said there is 'too much prattle about motivation' in the IDF, whose soldiers now are bet-

# Histadrut calls labor dispute over proposed budget cuts

·HISTADRUT leaders yesterday decided on a nationwide labor dispute as a prelude to a general strike in two weeks, unless the government modifies its proposed budget cuts.

The labor dispute enables workers to stage protest meetings and other sanctions in work places. El Al's union intends to stage a 24-hour warning strike next week.

The Histadrut leaders met the heads of the large unions, who urged immediate action

ilies with five children, for

instance, to pay more than NIS

The committee also agreed that

hospital payments for childbirth

would be made directly by the

National Insurance Institute, as

they were before the National

Health Law was passed. For the

past two years, the NII has been

paying the hospitals via the

health funds, which adds unnec-

essary bureaucracy and often

300 a year, Ravitz said.

against the government and supported the strike

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said "not only has the Treasury failed to reduce the draconian measures it tried to pull in the first budget proposal, now it's adding another decree - a NIS 2 billion cut. And they admit it will fall wholly on the backs of the employees, while the

results in late payments.

However, the committee

deferred discussion of more sub-

stantial changes in the National

Health Law yesterday, after

General Gabi Barabash said that,

since the relevant Treasury offi-

cials were all on vacation last

week, no progress was made in

negotiations with the Treasury.

Committee members sharply

criticized the Treasury for per-

mitting key staff members to take.

vacation at such a critical time of

Ministry Director-

employers take none of the burden." Peretz said the Histadrut opposes cuts in child allowances, education, housing and National Insurance allocations to pensioners, taxes on pensioners and a proposed hike in medical fees and health taxes.

The Histadrut is also determined to fight the government's proposals on pension plans and change work agreements, as well as the privatization initiatives at the workers' expense.

#### Ran Cohen calls for Ethics

Committee to probe Shas mail abuse

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knesset's State Control Committee, has said he will ask the Knesset Ethics Committee and the speaker to examine taking disciplinary action against Shas leader Aryeh Deri. He reportedly used the Knesset's free postal service to send 110,000 letters to those people who received amulets from Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri during the election campaign.

The letters reportedly were sent at no cost to Deri - from the Knesset post office, although the quota for free mail for MKs is 15,000. They were sent just before Hanukka and contained greetings from Deri. Shas mentor

Ovadia Yosef and Kaduri. The incident was exposed last

Cohen called the mailing by Shas "scandalous and a cynical abuse of parliamentary privileges and rights." He recalled that MKs were reminded of the limits to the free mail service after Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen sent 300,000 letters to demobilized soldiers several years ago when he was trying to pass a bill improving their AROUND THE WORLD

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#### Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, the nine of hearts. the queen of diamonds and the seven of clubs.

# Deri's lawyer demands

SHAS MK Arych Den's lawye Dan Avi-Yitzhak, demanded a copy of the Gidron Committee's findings regarding allegations the police and the General Security Service leaked information to other defendants in the Deri trial. The Jerusalem District Court is to make a decision on the issue today. Prosecutor Yehoshua Resnick objected to the request, saying the committee's findings are irrelevant

to the trial, in which Deri is charged with fraud, bribery and

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